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2007

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Samuel H. Bear, 71

Samuel H. Bear, 71, rural Craigville, died at 1:59 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, 2005 at his home.

Born in Roanoke on August 22, 1934 to Robert G. and Edna Helvie Bear, he married Jane Eckman on Aug. 7, 1960 in Warren; she survives.

A 1952 graduate of Roanoke High School, he attended Ball State University before enlisting in the U.S. Army, serving in Korea from 1957-1959. After his discharge, he graduated from Huntington College in 1963. He managed the Huron Cement Co. in Michigan, was a salesperson for Stockberger Heavy Equipment Co. in South Bend, managed the WW Concrete facility in Bluffton and was owner/operator of Monroe Package Liquor for many years, retiring in 1999. He was a member of the American Legion, Elks, Moose, Shrine and Scottish Rite of South Bend. In 1978, he was inducted into the Huntington County Sports Hall of Fame.

Other survivors include three sons, Kirk Bear of Valparaiso, Steven Bear of Fort Wayne, and Stuart Bear of Craigville; a daughter, Jennifer Patten of Fort Wayne; a sister, Susan Hughes of Wheeling, Ill.; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton, with calling there Wednesday beginning at 10 a.m. until the time of the service. The American Legion Post 111 will perform military honors following the service.

Preferred memorials are to the American Legion.

Edith Stacy, 75

Edith Mae Stacy, 75, Bluffton, died at 3:15 p.m. Sunday, January 1, 2006 at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Born in Virginia on Feb. 10, 1930 to Julian and Grace Land Wafford, she married Fred Stacy on Sept. 19, 1950 in St. Charles, Va.; he died July 17, 1983.

Edith Stacy

She was a homemaker and a member of the Bluffton Church of God.

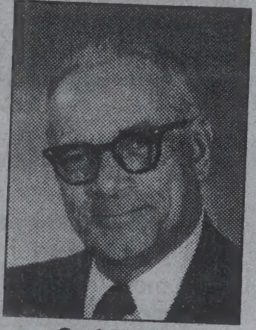
Survivors include three sons, Don and DeWayne Stacy of Bluffton and Scott Stacy of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Mrs. Billie Brinneman of Bluffton and Mrs. Farow (Norma) Baker of Geneva; three sisters, Wilma Kiser of Bluffton, Mamie Speers of Kingston, Tenn., and Mary Speers of Redman, Wash.; nine grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with Rev. Donald Marlowe officiating. Calling hours are Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in the Stahl Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Carl J. Metker, 91

Services for Carl J. Metker, 91, Fort Wayne, will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Therese Catholic Church in Waynedale. He died Friday, Dec. 30, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Carl Metker

Born Nov. 3, 1914 in Fort Wayne, he retired from General Electric as a foreman in 1976. He was a member of St. Therese Catholic Church and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Survivors include his wife, Ardola of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Janice Muir of Southboro, Mass.; two sisters, Alverda Jones of Fort Wayne and Delores Trempel of Scottsdale, Ariz.; four grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Calling hours are today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals in Waynedale, and for one hour prior to the services Wednesday at the church.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to the church.

Violet M. Myers, 86

A former Tocsin resident, Violet M. Myers, 86, of Martinsville died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at Grandview Convalescent Center, Martinsville.

She previously worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne and had been manager of the cash office of Montgomery Ward in Fort Wayne. She moved in 1982 to Florida and was an apartment manager in Fort Myers.

She was born March 31, 1919, in Allen County to Charles and Verna Norris Wolfe.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. John J. (Sharon A.) Most of Martinsville. She was preceded in death by five brothers.

Services are at 2 p.m. Thursday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian, with Rev. Tim Dilley officiating. Calling is from 11 a.m. until the time of services on Thursday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Prairie View Cemetery, Tocsin. Preferred memorials are to the Martinsville High School Golf Team or the Instructional Media Center.

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Elyn H. Downs, 86

Elyn H. Downs, 86, died at 9:07 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, 2005 at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Born in Rush Springs, Okla. on May 6, 1919 to Joe and Talitha (Shirley) Howell, she married Eldon W. Downs in Madison, Wisc. on Feb. 14, 1957; he died March 10, 1995.

Elyn Downs

A 1937 garduate of Jennings High School, she attended the Oklahoma College for Women. A homemaker, she followed her late husband's career as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, which took her to live in a number of cities and foreign countries. She has been a resident of Bluffton since Sept., 2003. She was also active in her church and music activties, serving as a church choir director and music teacher. She was a former member of the First Baptist Church in Buffalo, Okla. and a current member of Council Road Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. She also served as an E.M.T. and an editorial writer for the Harper County Journal in Buffalo, Okla.

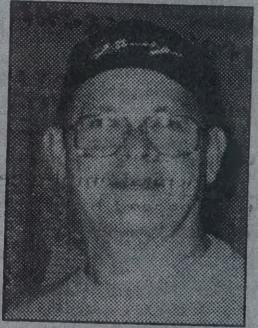
Survivors include four children: Denise Downs of Bluffton, DeAnne Mitchum of Oklahoma City, Danielle Donaldson of Fairmount, Okla., and DeLys Wapaha of Ruidoso, N.M.; a sister, Ida Chapman of Olympia, Wash.; nine grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Buffalo, Okla. Burial will be in the High Point Cemetery. There will be no viewing or calling hours. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or Christian Care Retirement Community. Arrangements are being handled by Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton.

Eugene Welsh, 54

Eugene N. Welsh, 54, rural Bluffton, died at 9:05 p.m. Sunday, January 1, 2006 at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Born in Bluffton on May 10, 1951 to Kenneth and Esther Smith Welsh, he married Becky Archbold on May 10, 1994 in Gatlinburg, Tenn.; she survives.


Eugene Welsh

Mr. Welsh was employed at the A.T. Ferrel Co. for 14 years and was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church.

Other survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Sam (Vicki) Thacker, Jennifer and Amanda Welsh, all of Bluffton; three brothers, William and Daniel Welsh of Bluffton, and Thomas Welsh of Naples, Fla.; a step-sister, June Miller of Pennville; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with Rev. Don Wilks officiating. Calling hours are today from 2 to 8 p.m. and for one hour prior to the service Wednesday.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the church.

Shawnce Browning, 30

Shawnce Browning, 30, of Bluffton died at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Browning had worked previously at Poore Brothers. He was born March 11, 1975, in Huntington. His father, Jerry Browning, preceded him in death. His mother, Brenda (Roop) Overmier, survives and resides in Bluffton.

Shawnce Browning

Other survivors include his wife, Alisha (Vaughn) Browning; three sons, Zachariah Browning of Bluffton and Dakota and Elan Browning, both of Monongahela, Pa.; four sisters, Julie Browning and Laurene Overmier, both of Bluffton, Jessica Johnson of Uniondale and Jenny Stetler of Indianapolis; a brother, Nathan Overmier of Berne; grandparents Arthur Roop of Bluffton, Larry and Bonnie Frantz of Elroy, Ariz., and Gene and Ruth Bailey of Okeechobee, Fla., and his stepfather, Michael Overmier of Bluffton.

Services are at 1 p.m. Friday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with Rev. Henry officiating.

Calling is at the funeral home from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 10 a.m. until the time of services on Friday.

Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the children.

Gary B. Moore, 60

The father of two Bluffton residents, Gary B. Moore, 60, of Decatur died at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Moore had been employed by SB3 Precision Machines as a machinist and had retired from General Electric of Decatur in 1991 with 24 years of service.

He was a U.S. Army veteran with service during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Decatur Bass Masters and a former member of E.U.B. Church in St. Marys, Ohio.

He was born Jan. 19, 1945, in Lima, Ohio, to Kermit E. and Helen A. (Sullivan) Moore.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Jason (Christa) Riley of Bluffton; three sons, Kevin Moore of Bluffton, Jeff Moore of St. Mary's and Donald Moore of Hobart; nine granddaughters; and three grandsons.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gregory C. Moore in 1990; and by a half brother.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Rev. Heather Bunnell officiating.

Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery. The American Legion Post #43 Color Guard will be in charge of military graveside honors.

Preferred memorials are to the Adams County Community Foundation Cancer Fund.

"Barney" Habegger, 77

Retired co-owner of Habegger Furniture, Warren H. "Barney" Habegger, 77, Berne, died at 9:05 p.m. Monday, January 2, 2006 at his Berne home.

Active in a number of community projects and the First Mennonite Church, he served as a vice-president of Mennonite Men - Mennonite Church, USA, worked in a variety of projects throughout the U.S., Canada and Bogata, Columbia, and was a volunteer at Camp Friedenswald for five decades.

He is survived by his wife, the former Marjorie Rawley; five children; two sisters; 13 grandchildren; and five greatgrandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the First Mennonite Church in Berne. Calling hours are today from 1 to 9 p.m. at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne and for one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church. Preferred memorials are to the Barney Habegger Memorial Cabin at Camp Friedenswald.

James R. Stewart, 69

Former Bluffton resident James Robert Stewart, 69, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005 in Umatilla, Fla.

Born in Jamestown, Tenn. on Aug. 5, 1936 to Johnie and Delta Stewart, he married Fannie Lewis in Bluffton on Jan. 26, 2004.

Survivors include a sister, Ila Thomas of Indianapolis; and two brothers, Joe and Johnnie Stewart, both of Jamestown, Tenn.

Burial will take place in Jamestown, Tenn.

Joshua M. Coleman, 19

A Norwell High School graduate, Joshua M. Coleman, 19, died Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Wells County, he attended First Assembly of God, Ossian Church of the Nazarene and Turnstone Center.

Survivors include his mother, Lori A. (Detweiler) Coleman of Fort Wayne; his father, Steven R. Coleman of Albion; a sister, Mrs. Matt (Jennifer) Powelson of Monroeville; paternal grandparents Gene and Joann Coleman of Fort Wayne; maternal grandmother Betty McGrath of Ossian; and maternal great-grandfather Theodore Ireton of Ossian.

Calling is from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Turnstone Center.

Grayson Charles Goodwin, Infant

Services are at 2 p.m. Monday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home for infant Grayson Charles Goodwin.

His death was recorded Wednesday morning, Jan. 4, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his parents, Justin and Jennifer L. (Seabolt) Goodwin of Bluffton; grandparents Gloria Stone of Bluffton, John Goodwin of Bluffton and Jerry and Linda Seabolt of Noblesville; and great-grandparents Pauline Crusenberry of Kingsport, Tenn., Mary Wilkinson of Bluffton and Dorothy Springer of Bluffton.

Calling is from 10 a.m. until the time of services Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Dillard Cole officiating.

Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Virginia B. Droll, 87

Virginia B. Droll, 87, of Hot Springs, Ark., died at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at Cambridge Place Nursing Home, Marysville, Kan.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren. Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren.

Bluffton Woman Found Dead; Police Investigating

By GLEN WERLING

Bluffton police officers were probing into the suspicious death of a Capri Ct. Apartments woman Wednesday night.

Deputy Chief Nathan Huss of the Bluffton Police Department stressed that there were no signs of foul play at the residence of Brenda Overmier, 47. However, because she died unattended and there were no other obvious signs of anything that would have caused her death, a detective was called in and the incident is being investigated as if a crime has been committed.

Huss added that the police department was taking every precaution in the investigation and not ruling out anything. He again noted that there was nothing disturbed in the apartment and no sign of trauma on Overmier. An autopsy was scheduled to be performed to determine a cause of death.

Officers responded to Overmier's residence around 5:30 p.m. Wednesday after family members and friends became concerned that she would not come to the door of her apartment.

Officers entered the apartment and reportedly discovered Overmier unresponsive. Wells County EMS was called to the scene and she was taken to Bluffton Regional Medical Center where she was later pronounced dead.

Overmier's son, Shawnce Browning, 30, Bluffton, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. A cause for his death was still being determined.

Marcella E. Miller, 87

A Bluffton native, Marcella E. Miller, 87, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at Twinbrook Nursing Home in Louisville, Ky.

She was the widow of the Rev. Dr. John U. Miller, former pastor of First Baptist Church in Bluffton.

She was born May 12, 1918, in Bluffton. She was an accomplished pianist who performed music therapy at several hospitals and nursing homes. She enjoyed singing and traveled extensively with the Mennonite Man's Chorus in Berne. She was a Bible teacher and initiated many prayer groups.

Survivors include two children, the Rev. John U. Miller of Albany, N.Y., and the Rev. Gretchen L. Micka of North East, Pa.; 10 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two children, Mark C. Miller and Mary Kay Bolin.

A service of celebration for her life and ministry will be at 12:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at St. Mark United Methodist Church, Louisville.

The family asks that no flowers be sent. Preferred memorials are to St. Mark United Methodist Church.

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Brenda J. Overmier, 47

Brenda J. Overmier, 47, of Bluffton died at 6:16 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at her residence.

A homemaker, she was born on Oct. 27, 1958, to Arthur and Bonnie (Harmon) Roop in St. Claire, Mich.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Bonnie and Larry Frantz Sr. of Elroy, Ariz.; her father, Arthur Roop of Bluffton; a daughter, Laurene Overmier of Bluffton; a son, Nathan Overmier of Berne; three sisters, Rebecca Schlicter of Ossian, Debra West of Churubusco and Shari Faucher of Marine City, Mich.; four brothers, Dennis Roop of Monroeville, Anthony Roop of Decatur, Charles Roop of Oracle, Ariz., and Larry Frantz Jr. of Preble; and six grandchildren.

Brenda Overmier

She was preceded in death by a son, Shawnce Browning; and a sister, Angela Roop.

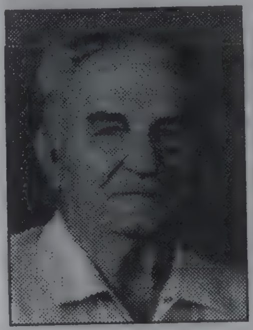
Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with Rev. David Henry officiating.

Calling is from 3 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until the time of services on Saturday at the funeral home.

The visitation and services will be combined with those of her son, Shawnce Browning, who died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005.

Luster Edward Roush, 89

Luster Edward Roush, 89, of rural Poneto died at 11:20 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, 2006, at Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center.


Luster Roush

Mr. Roush was a self-employed electrician and a lifelong farmer. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Montpelier.

He was born June 23, 1916, in Wells County to Marion J. and Hazel (Landus) Roush. His marriage Aug. 22, 1938, in Fort Wayne was to Maxine Krinn, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Kent Roush of Poneto and Gary Roush of Columbia City; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, James and Earl Roush.

Services are at 1 p.m. Monday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with Pastor John Gregory officiating.

Calling is from 10 a.m. Monday until the time of services at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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David 'Bud' Kinsey, 73

David "Bud" Kinsey, 73, of Bluffton died Thursday afternoon, Jan. 5, 2006, at his residence.

David "Bud' Kinsey

A longtime Bluffton resident, Mr. Kinsey was sole owner/operator of K&N Development and Welding Shop. He was formerly employed by the City of Bluffton for several years, and also previously owned and operated the Liberty Center Landfill. He attended Kings Highway Tabernacle.

Born April 20, 1932, in Georgia to McKinnley and Allie (Watts) Kinsey, his marriage on July 9, 1966, in Taswell, Tenn., was to Hazel I. (Durham) Kinsey, who survives.

Other survivors include children David Bruce Kinsey, Wesley Kinsey, Mrs. Bruce (Brenda) Murray and Tracy Kinsey, all of Bluffton, and Mrs. Tomas (Kimberly) Gonzalez of Lansing, Mich.; a great-grandson residing with David and Hazel, Zachariah Browning; siblings Ethel Ferguson and Linda King, both of Bluffton, and Ruby Millington, Ruth Harris and Jewel Baker, all of Georgia; 16 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Rhonda Jean Kinsey; and three brothers, Pete, Frank and Harold.

Calling is from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Services are at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Rev. Jim Poling and Rev. David Henry officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

William L. Gray, 62

A former Montpelier resident, William Leo Gray, 62, of Pasadena, Calif., died at 9:52 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005, at Methodist Hospital in Arcadia, Calif.

Mr. Gray attended Montpelier High School. He was born Nov. 11, 1943, in Indiana to Fred L. and Betty Jean (Garrison) Gray.

Survivors include a sister, Barbara Fisher of Huntington; and a brother, Charles Gray of Hartford City.

Services will be announced at a later date. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Poneto.

Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier, is in charge of the arrangements.

Max R. Miller, 86

A former Markle resident, Max R. Miller, 86, died at 2:44 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller worked as an order puller at the K-Mart Warehouse in Fort Wayne for 27 years, retiring in April 1983. He attended Seminary United Methodist Church in Roanoke, and was a longtime volunteer with the Markle Fish and Game Club.

Max Miller

He served in the U.S. Army National Guard for five years during World War II. He was a former member of American Legion Post #160 in Roanoke.

Born Sept. 30, 1919, in Huntington County to Roscoe S. and Helen (Jennings) Miller, he was a 1938 graduate of Markle High School. His marriage on Feb. 14, 1947, in Markle was to Wava M. Sheets, who preceded him in death on July 9, 2004.

Survivors include a daughter, Marilyn Fleischman of Roanoke; a son, Kevin L. Miller of Elkhart; a brother, Carl D. Miller of Winona, Minn.; three grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Myers Funeral Home, Markle. Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Dr. Veryl C. Roth officiating.

Burial will be in Markle Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Seminary United Methodist Church or the Markle Fish and Game Club.

Betty M. Berryhill, 84

Betty M. Berryhill, 84, of Warren died at 6:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren.

A homemaker, Mrs. Berryhill was a member of Pilcher's Chapel Church, Huntington.

Born May 18, 1921, in Butler to Edmund and Faye (Zern) Freeman, her marriage on June 7, 1939, in Indiana was to Chester A. Berryhill, who preceded her in death on June 14, 2005.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Berryhill of Warren and Jerry Berryhill of St. Thomas, VI.; a sister, Virginia Bry of Auburn; a brother, Billy Freeman of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Griffin; and a brother, Don Freeman.

Betty Berryhill

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren.

Services are at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Rev. Russell Buzzard and Pastor Doug Sharrard officiating. There is also calling one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington.

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Armella T. Timmerman, 78

The mother of Mrs. Tom (Kay) Walsh of Bluffton, Armella T. "Molly" Timmerman, 78, of Rossburg, Ohio, died at 8:50 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at Rest Haven Nursing Home, Greenville, Ohio.

Mrs. Timmerman was a member of Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Fort Recovery, Ohio, and the Altar Sodality of the church.

Born April 17, 1927, in Wendelin, Ohio, to Stephen and Elizabeth Miller Wendel, her marriage on June 12, 1948, in St. Wendelin, Ohio, was to William F. Timmerman, who preceded her in death on Aug. 31, 1991.

In addition to the daughter in Bluffton, survivors include five other daughters, Mrs. Louie (Peg) Hart of Fort Recovery, Mrs. Stephen (Pam) Hartzell and Mrs. Tom (Debbie) Bueter, both of Rossburg, Ohio, and Mrs. Steve (Penny) Brunk and Marie Hoehn, both of Union City, Ohio; a son, Chuck Timmerman of Union City, Ohio; two sisters, Rita Elking of New Bremen, Ohio, and Mrs. Louis (Wilma) Knapke of Fort Recovery; 35 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Pat Siefring; three sons, Dave, Don and Paul Timmerman; five sisters, Theresia Beumer, Mary Roeckner, Alvina Laux, Ida Peas and Alma Kaiser; three brothers, Aloys, Ray and Adolph; a grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Fort Recovery with Fr. Charles Mullen officiating. Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, all at Brockman & Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery. A prayer service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in St. Marys Cemetery, Fort Recovery. Preferred memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

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Dolores E. Jennings, 95

Dolores E. Jennings, 95, of Markle died at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at Markle Health Care Center where she had resided since December 2003.

She was a telephone operator for Majenica and Alltel Telephone Companies, retiring in 1974 after 30 years of service. She was a member of Markle Church of Christ.

Dolores Jennings

Mrs. Jennings was born June 18, 1910, in Markle to George A. and Minnie E. (Klepser) Paul. Her marriage on Oct. 6, 1926, in Coldwater, Mich., was to W. Ray Jennings, who preceded her in death on Sept. 12, 1986.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Dale (Mary Louise) Brown of Markle, Martha Foughty of Ossian and Mrs. Harold (Marjorie) Arnold of Bluffton; a son, James L. Jennings of Huntington; 19 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jean Cook; a sister, Mariana Drees; and a stepsister, Pauline Bender.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Gerald O. Moreland and Mike Duggan officiating.

Burial will be in Markle Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Markle Church of Christ Debt Retirement Fund.

William C. Smitley, 67

A brother of Ronnie Smitley of Ossian, William C. "Bill" Smitley, 67, of Dunkirk died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at Jay County Hospital, Portland.

Mr. Smitley retired from Indiana Glass in 1999 after 33 years of employment. He served in the Marine Corps Reserve and attended Calvary Bible Church in Berne.

A 1956 graduate of Jefferson High School in Berne, he was born Aug. 12, 1938, in Adams County to Cecil and Ethel (Hunt) Smitley. His marriage on July 9, 1960, was to Norma Salmon, who survives.

Other survivors, in addition to the brother in Ossian, include his mother, Ethel Smitley of Berne; two daughters, Mrs. Michael (Debra) Masters of Redkey and Mrs. Austin (Deana) Asbury of Fort Wayne; two sons, David Smitley of Indianapolis and Doug Smitley of Eaton; two sisters, Jerry Mae Kuhn of Geneva and Karen Hartman of Berne; two other brothers, Richard Smitley of Fort Wayne and Jay Smitley of Berne; and six grandchildren.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home, Portland Chapel, with Pastor Jerry Nelson officiating. Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services on Friday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Muncie. Dunkirk American Legion Post #227 will be in charge of military graveside services. Preferred memorials are to the Jay County Cancer Fund.

Robert W. Kumfer, 76

A longtime former Union Township trustee, Robert W. Kumfer, 76, of rural Ossian died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kumfer was a 1947 graduate of Union Center School in Wells County. He was a U.S. Army veteran in the Korean War.

He worked in the mail delivery department at International Harvester and retired with 30 years of service. He also raised cattle and was a former trustee in Union Township of Wells County, serving for 16 years. He was a member of Zanesville Church of God.

Robert Kumfer

Mr. Kumfer was born May 15, 1929, in Adams County to Victor L. and Mary E. (Confer) Kumfer.

Survivors include his wife Rosemary (Smuts) Kumfer; two daughters, Mrs. Garry (Kay E.) White of Ossian and Joyce A. Jeffries of Rochester; a son, Stephen R. of Ossian; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Jonathan; and a brother, Forrest Kumfer.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Rev. Larry Elder and Rev. Ralph Thornton officiating. There is also calling one hour prior to the services on Friday.

Burial will be in Hoverstock Cemetery, Zanesville.

Preferred memorials are to the Zanesville Church of God.

John O. Klinger, 85

A former Zanesville resident, John O. Klinger, 85, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Hill Church in Mount Vernon.

Mr. Klinger was born Jan. 24, 1920, in Ipswich, Mass., to Raymond and Robena (Bruce) Klinger.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Lois (Stone) Klinger; two daughters, Carolyn Mattson of Mount Vernon and Joanne Klinger of Harrison, Tenn.; three sons, Donald Klinger of Meridian, Idaho, David Klinger of Ringgold, Ga., and Dean Klinger of Siloam Springs, Ark.; a sister, Eleanor McCoy of Naples, Fla.; a brother, Raymond Klinger Jr. of Ipswich, Mass.; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Chapel Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church in Markle with Pastor Don Inglish officiating.

Burial will be in Hoverstock Cemetery, Zanesville. Preferred memorials are to the Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School, Mount Vernon. The Dowds-Snyder Funeral Home assisted with the arrangements.

Martha Hannah Black Mann, 94

A lifelong resident of Wells County, Martha Hannah Black Mann, 94, of Uniondale died at 10:17 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

She worked for several years at Caylor-Nickel Clinic in Bluffton, retiring in 1981. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Uniondale.

Martha Black Mann

Born Nov. 23, 1911, in Bluffton to William and Anna E. (Brown) Travis, she was a 1929 graduate of Bluffton High School.

She was married on Nov. 25, 1928, in Uniondale to William H. Black, who preceded her in death in May 1969. She was married Feb. 14, 1971, to Lorin Mann, who died in July 1982.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Stanley (Carol) Hoffacker of Uniondale and Mrs. Doyt (Adrienne) Davies of Fort Wayne; a son, Michael Black of Noble County; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Ellen Biddle of Woodstock, Md.; a stepson, William Mann of Bluffton; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 13 stepgreat-grandchildren; and 30 stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two stepgrandchildren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Uniondale with Rev. Gene Kinney officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton and one hour prior to services on Monday at the church.

Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

Preferred memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Uniondale.

Shirley Ann (Noonan) Bathie, 68

A former Bluffton resident, Shirley Ann (Noonan) Bathie, 68, of Ames, Iowa, died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, at the Israel Family Hospice House following a seven-year illness.

She had worked part-time for several years for Iowa State University. Earlier, she had been a stewardess with Lake Central Airline. She was a member of Bethesda Lutheran Church.

Shirley Bathie

Born Feb. 6, 1937, in Bluffton to Ivan C. and Marjorie (Johnson) Noonan, she was a 1955 graduate of Bluffton High School.

Her marriage on June 29, 1958, in Bluffton was to William W. Bathie, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Belinda A. Bathie of Eagan, Minn.; a son, Mark S. Bathie of Ames; two sisters, Norma Ormsby of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Don (Carolyn) Vance of Sun City, Ariz.; and three grandchildren.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Stevens Memorial Chapel in Ames.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at Bethesda Lutheran Church with Rev. Randy Gehring officiating.

Burial will be in Ames Municipal Cemetery.

Preferred memorials, in lieu of flowers, are to Israel Family Hospice House or the Bliss Cancer Center.

Thomas K. Coolman, 55

A Bluffton native and a former Adams County sheriff, Thomas Kent Coolman, 55, of Decatur died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, at his residence.

Mr. Coolman was the first Adams County sheriff to be elected four times. He served from 1979 to 1986 and from 1991 to 1998, for a total of 16 years in office.

Among his accomplishments, he implemented the countywide 911 communication center and later the enhanced 911 service. He also created a centralized repository for old county records at the jail and established a county addressing system.

Thomas Coolman

He presently was teaching criminal justice through Bellmont High School and the Area 18 Career & Technical Education program since 1999. He attended St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Decatur and coached for the Decatur Baseball League.

He was born May 9, 1950, in Bluffton to Garold and Harriet (Wiltse) Coolman. His mother survives and resides in Decatur.

His marriage on Oct. 23, 1976, was to Terri (Habegger) Coolman, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Adam Coolman of Fort Wayne and Tony Coolman of Decatur.

Calling is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Decatur Cemetery with Rev. Jeff Taylor, Dr. Howard Habegger and Jim Compton officiating.

A memorial service will follow at 2:30 p.m. Monday at St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Preferred memorials in lieu of flowers are to Adams Memorial Hospital Oncology Center, Decatur Baseball League, Bellmont High School Athletic Booster Club and "Shop with a Cop."

Robert Bertsch, 84

Robert Bertsch, 84, of Albany, Oregon, former resident of Adams County died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006.

He was the son of Cornelius and Emma Bertsch and was a World War II veteran of the U. S. Coast Guard.

Surviving is a wife, Wilma Bertsch, two sons and 3 daughters. One daughter is deceased. Also surviving are a brother, Lewis of Preble, and two sisters, Betty L. Steffen and Mrs. Carroll Louise Gerber of Bluffton. A brother, Arthur, preceded him in death. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 2:00 p.m. in Albany, Oregon.

Ralph Baumgartner, 64

A rural Bluffton resident living in Adams County, Ralph W. Baumgartner, 64, died at his residence at 6:50 a.m. Friday.

Born in Wells County June 26, 1941, to Roger and Mildred Geisel Baumgartner, he married the former Jeannie Stoltz in Wells County Aug. 5, 1962. She survives.

Ralph Baumgartner

He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. He farmed and was employed by Gerber Dairy for eight years and Riverside-Helena Chemical for 20 years. He had also worked at North American Van Lines and was the owner of Wabash Trucking. He was a member of the Wheels of Yesteryear antique club.

Also surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Bob (Kim) Maller and Mrs. Sam (Connie) Kaehr, both of Bluffton, Mrs. Lonnie (Vicki) Grube, Decatur, and Mrs. Jay (Barbara) Werling, Ossian; one brother, Herb Baumgartner of Bluffton; two sisters, Mrs. Jerry (Pauline) Gerber, Bluffton, and Mrs. Tom (Marilyn) Baumgartner, Ossian; and nine grandchildren.

Services Monday at Apostolic Christian Church East will be held at 10:30 a.m. under the direction of ministers of the church. Burial will follow at the Apostolic Christian Cemetery near Vera Cruz.

Calling at Goodwin Memorial Chapel will be from 6-8 p.m. Saturday and 1-8 p.m. Sunday as well as one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials may be made to Christian Care retirement center or to Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Charles W. Mahnensmith, 83

Charles W. Mahnensmith, 83, of Ossian died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, at Ossian Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was a truck driver for Mahnensmith Brothers Trucking for 17 years and then worked for Rogers Markets for 31 years, retiring in 1984.

Mr. Mahnensmith was a U.S. Army veteran with service during World War II, including the Normandy Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. He attended Ossian United Methodist Church.

He was a 50-year Masonic Lodge member and 25 years Eastern Star. He was a member of American Legion Post 241, a life member of VFW Post 1421 and also a member of AMVETS Post #33.

Born Dec. 15, 1922, in Ossian to Warren and Bivian (Roush) Mahnensmith, he was a 1941 graduate of Ossian High School.

His marriage on April 10, 1943, in Anniston, Ala., was to Leona M. (Johnson) Mahnensmith, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Jo Sue Mahnensmith of Portland; a son, Tim L. Mahnensmith of Roanoke; and a granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by a brother.

Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian, with a Masonic Lodge service at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Rev. Tim Dilley officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian, with a graveside service by the American Legion.

Preferred memorials are to Ossian United Methodist Church and American Legion Post 241.

Alma L. Vavrek, 91

Alma L. Vavrek, 91, of Bluffton, died at 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, 2006 at her residence.

Born in Hammond on Oct. 1, 1914 to John and Josephine Losik Kaptur, she was a bookkeeper with Fuller Brush, retiring in 1979.

Survivors include a son, John Vavrek of Ossian; two daughters, Sandra Wright of Florence, Oreg., and Lorraine Runyon of Santa Clarita, Calif.; a sister, Berniece Gentile of Oregon; four grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Theodore Kaptur and one grandchild.

There will be no calling or services. Arrangements are being handled by Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton.

Ruth Olwin, 86

The sister of Bonnie McAfee of Bluffton, Ruth E. Broom Olwin, 86, Elgin, Ill., died Friday, Jan. 13, 2006 at the St. Joe Provina Hospital in Elgin.

A native and former resident of Huntington, she had worked as a cook at the Huntington County Jail and as a waitress at the former McGyre Restaurant in Huntington.

Other survivors include her husband, Roy Olwin of Elgin, Ill.; two sons; 10 daughters, including Mrs. James (Patricia) Manning of Warren; a brother; several grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Bailey-Love Mortuary in Huntington. Calling hours there are Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in the Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington County. Preferred memorials are to the Parkview Home Health Care.

Melvena "Beanie" Reed, 91

A former secretary at Poplar Grove School, Melvena E. "Beanie" Reed, 91, of Decatur, died Sunday at 1:33 p.m. at Woodcrest Nursing Center after an extended illness.

Melvena Reed

A native and life-long resident of Adams County, she was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and also had worked at Central Soya in Decatur, retiring in 1976. She was preceded in death by her husband, Orval Reed, in 1981.

Survivors include a sister, Helen Zimmerman, of Texas.

Calling will be Wednesday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Woodcrest Chapel in Decatur, with services there beginning at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the church or Woodcrest. Arrangements are by Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Blanche L. Blaising, 86

The mother of Mrs. Don (Sue) Dian of Bluffton, Blanche L. Blaising, 86, died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006 at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Born in Miami County on May 12, 1919 to Frank and Alice Davis Weishaar, she married C. Richard Blaising on May 17, 1940 in Fort Wayne; he died Nov. 9, 1989.

Blanche Blaising

A homemaker, she was a member of St. John of the Baptist Catholic Church in Fort Wayne for 55 years. She had lived in Fort Wayne before moving to Bluffton in 2000.

Other survivors include a son, Thomas Blaising of Kalamazoo, Mich.; another daughter, Mary Beth Conville of Grand Rapids, Mich.; two sisters, Jane Kindig of Deedsville and Mrs. John (Jean) Harvey of Chili, Ind.; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Weishaar.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bluffton, with Father Dale Bauman officiating. Calling hours are today from 4 to 6 p.m. and Tuesday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Burial will be in the Paw Paw Cemetery in Miami County. Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Alzheimer's Support Group.

Louise C. Wheeler, 93

Louise C. Wheeler, 93, of Ossian, died Friday, Jan. 13, 2006 at the Ossian Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Moore, Okla. on July 14, 1912 to Henry and Louise Schwartz Kehr, she married Merlin E. Wheeler on Nov. 11, 1934 in Ossian; he died Feb. 14, 1995.

Louise Wheeler

Mrs. Wheeler had worked at Wells Community Hospital and at Heyerly's Bakery. Before moving to Ossian, she had also resided in rural Markle and Bluffton.

Survivors include two sons, Charles E. Wheeler of Liberty Center and Harold D. Wheeler of Bluffton; a sister, Helen Martin of North Manchester; 15 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; and 26 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

Service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian. Calling hours are today from 4 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday for one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Ossian Health Care Activities Dept., New Hope Hospice, or the donor's choice.

Gary M. Wolf, 51

Services for Gary M. Wolf, 51, were held today at the Markle Church of Christ. Mr. Wolf died at 7:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13, 2006 at Markle Health Care Center.

Gary Wolf

Born in Huntington County on June 17, 1954 to Oren and Mary Lou Robrock Wolf Jr., he participated with Pathfinder Services in Huntington since 1970 and attended the Markle Church of Christ where he was a greeter.

Survivors include his mother of Huntington; and a brother, Mark R. Wolf of Huntington.

Burial was in Union Cemetery in Huntington County. Preferred memorials are to Pathfinder Services or the church. Arrangements were handled by Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel.

William T. Frye, 81

Former Wells County resident William Thestel Frye, 81, of Dallas, Ga., died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006.

Born in Hoagland on April 5, 1924 to Oscar and Grace Leisure Frye, he graduated from Lancaster High School in 1942. He was a retired carpenter and a member of the First Pentecostal Church in Villa Rica, Ga.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia; three sons; three daughters; a sister; 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Services were held Jan. 11 and burial was in Peaceful Meadows Memorial Center in Dallas, Ga.

Kenneth Moses, 79

Kenneth Moses, 79, rural Pennville, died early Sunday morning at Bluffton Regional Medical Center following an extended illness.

Born Nov. 4, 1926, in Whitley County, Ky., to Dewey and Vina Davenport Moses, he married the former Barbara Bailey Nov. 23, 1946. She survives.

A retired general contractor and farmer in Penn Twp., Jay County, he was a 50 year member of the Pennville Masonic Lodge #212 where he was past master and a 50-year member of the Pennville Order of the Eastern Star #202 where he was the current worthy patron, a capacity he had served in since 1989. He had also served in the Merchant Marines.

Additional survivors include one son, Kem Moses, rural Pennville; three daughters, Ginger Hutchinson of Bluffton, Mrs. Lawrence (Linda) Kirkpatrick, rural Bryant and Mrs. Marvin (Bonita) Foltz, rural Geneva,; two brothers, Burtis of Frisco, Texas, and Keith of Yorktown; a sister, Jerleen Balentine of Smyrna, Tenn.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A son, Mike, preceded him in death.

Funeral services at 11 a.m. Thursday will be held at the Portland Chapel of Williamson & Spencer Funeral Homes. Pastor Chris Tiedeman will officiate and burial will follow at the IOOF Twin Hill Cemetery near Pennville.

Calling at the funeral home will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. The Pennville Eastern Star will conduct services followed by the Masonic Lodge at 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Pennville United Methodist Church or to the donor's choice

Ralph E. Baumgartner, 64

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He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. He farmed and was employed by Gerber Dairy for eight years and Riverside-Helena Chemical for 20 years. He had also worked at North American Van Lines and was the owner of Wabash Trucking. He was a member of the Wheels of Yesteryear antique club.

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Services were today at Apostolic Christian Church East under the direction of ministers of the church. Burial was at the Apostolic Christian Cemetery near Vera Cruz. Arrangements were by Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

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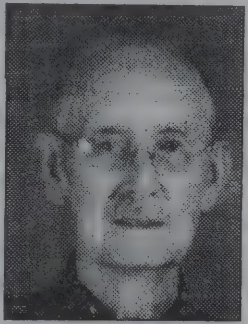
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His marriage on April 10, 1943, in Anniston, Ala., was to Leona M. (Johnson) Mahnensmith, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Jo Sue Mahnensmith of Portland; a son, Tim I. Mahnensmith of Roanoke; and a granddaughter. He was preceded in death by a brother.

Funeral services were today at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home with Rev. Tim Dilley officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian, with a graveside service by the American Legion.

Preferred memorials are to Ossian United Methodist Church and American Legion Post 241.

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Fern L. Cotton, 91

A former Ossian resident, Fern L. Cotton, 91, died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at Carmel Care Center in Carmel.

Mrs. Cotton was a secretary at the Air National Guard for 21 years, retiring in 1978. She was a member of Waynedale United Methodist Church.

Born Nov. 20, 1914, in Allen County to Harry and Goldie Burdoine Beaman, her marriage on March 30, 1941, in Waynedale was to Frank Cotton, who preceded her in death on Dec. 22, 2000.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan A. Novak of Noblesville; a son, Dr. Dan S. Cotton of Westfield; a sister, Patsy Cox of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Calling is from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian.

Services are at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Rev. Mike Harris officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian.

Preferred memorials are to the Ossian Branch-Wells County Public Library.

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Faye H. Hudson, 85

A Wells County native and former Montpelier resident, Faye H. Hudson, 85, died at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Hartford City, where she had resided since 2001.

Faye Hudson

Mrs. Hudson had retired from Kitco in Bluffton after 10 years of service. She also had worked at Dryden Rubber, Joe's IGA and Ledbetter Meats of Montpelier. She attended Hartford City Church of the Nazarene.

She was born July 3, 1920, in Wells County to Harry C. and Josie Ann (Murray) Bennett, and attended Chester Center High School.

Her marriage on Jan. 11, 1939, in Bluffton was to Howard L. Hudson, who preceded her in death on March 16, 1982.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Mike (Sharon) Perry of Hartford City; two sons, Clyde Hudson of Pennville and Rick Hudson of Montpelier; a sister, Mrs. Howard (Nellie) Miller of Bluffton; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a stepgrandchild; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Flo Bennett, Edna Gavin and Wilma Ramseyer.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Steve High officiating.

Burial will be in Twin Hill Cemetery, Pennville.

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Beatrice Biberstein, 84

Beatrice Biberstein, 84, of Decatur died at 10:51 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, at Adams Memorial Hospital.

A homemaker, Mrs. Biberstein attended Grace Bible Missionary Church, Decatur.

Born Dec. 21, 1921, in Adams County to Rufus and Ida Rich Nussbaum, her marriage on Sept. 1, 1940, in Berne was to Elmer Biberstein, who preceded her in death in 1999.

Survivors include two daughters, Phyllis Fuhrman of Denver and Marilyn Price of Decatur; a son, Stanley Biberstein of rural Decatur; two sisters, Dorothy Zurcher of Fort Wayne and Freida Pyle of Berne; two brothers, Willis Nussbaum of Monroe and Gerald Nussbaum of Decatur; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Violet Stump.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, with Rev. Dan York officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to services on Monday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery, Berne.

Preferred memorials are to Swiss Village.

Georgia Day Irey, 82

Mother of Gregory Day Witkamp and Charles Randolph Witkamp, both of Warren, Georgia Day Irey, 82, died Thursday, Jan. 19, at Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne.

Born in New York City March 3, 1924, she attended the Arts Students League in New York City, N.Y., where she studied under Maurice Stern. She lived in New York, Connecticut, Arizona, California and Indiana.

In addition to the sons in Warren, she is survived by three other children, Prairie Witkamp of Santa Monica, Calif. and Phillip Martin Witkamp and Leslie Bass, both of Green Valley, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held later this year.

Jakob N. Dawson, 2

Funeral services for 27-month-old Jakob N. Dawson who died Thursday, Jan.19, 2006, at his Uniondale residence, will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Jakob Dawson

He was born Oct. 17, 2003 in Fort Wayne to Ray Hoose and Nichole Dawson, both of Uniondale.

In addition to the parents, other survivors are a brother, Leroy Dawson of Uniondale; maternal grandparents Frank and Brenda Sudduth of West Manchester, Ohio; Carolyn Dawson of Ossian; Eileen May of Ossian and Greg May of Bluffton. Also surviving are great grandfathers Harold May and Leroy Dawson and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

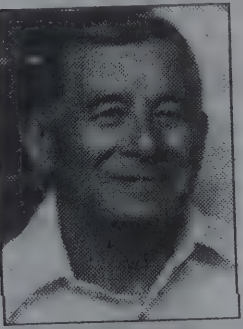
Calling will be Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian and also for one hour prior to the 11 a.m. services Tuesday at the church. Pastor William Brege will officiate.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Miguel Zamora, 92

A resident of rural Craigville, Miguel Zamora, 92, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2006 at Adams Memorial Hospital Extended Care after being in failing health the past month.

He was formerly employed with Krick & Tyndall Tile Mill and Decatur Industries. He was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Decatur.



Miguel Zamora

Born Sept. 29, 1913 in Mexico to Rosendo and Josefa Sanchez Zamora, he is survived by his second wife, the former Bessie Guzman. He was preceded in death by a first wife, Benilde Guerra, who died in 1978.

In addition to the wife, other survivors are two daughters, Amalia "Molly" Zamora of Decatur and Mrs. Jim (Amelia) Guttierez of Marion; two sons, Michael and Fred, both of Decatur; three sisters, Mary Zamora, Josie Galvan and Santos Rodriguez, and two brothers, Francisco and Pablo Zamora, all of McAllen, Tex. Also surviving are five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Louisa Zamora and three children in infancy.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur with Father Dave Voors officiating and burial in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 12 to 3 pm. Sunday at the funeral home with a rosary service at 3 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the Adams County Diabetes Connection.

Charles F. Osborn, 89

A native of Bluffton, Rev. Charles F. Osborn, 89, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2006 at Wood County Hospital in Bowling Green, Ohio. He had resided the last two years at Bowling Green Manor Nursing Home.

Born March 22, 1916 in Bluffton to Stanford and Molly Osborn, his marriage on Dec. 25, 1937 in Bluffton was to Gladys P. Hamilton, who survives.

Rev. Osborn has been a minister at various churches since 1954. He was a carpenter/millwright since 1962.

In addition to the wife, other survivors are a son, Robert J. Osborn of Wayne, Ohio; two daughters, Maxine M. Wilson of Newport, Tenn., and V. Christine Pack of Sevierville, Tenn., a foster daughter, Mary M. Osborn of Ossian, two sisters, Ida M. Ramsyer of Ossian and Mary Ann Kling of Albany; 16 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Mearl, Ralph, Revy and Alford and a sister, Dollie Terrell.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. Monday at Barndt Funeral Home in Wayne, Ohio, with Rev. James Hughes officiating and burial in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park in Toledo.

Calling at the funeral home will be Monday from 3 to 4 p.m. and following services until 7 p.m. Preferred memorials are to the family in care of the funeral home.

Wendell A. Linn, 84

Word has been received here of the death of Wendell A. Linn, 84, a native of Wells County. Mr. Linn died June 23, 2005 at Rosewalk Village in Lafayette, Ind.

Born April 29, 1921 in Bluffton to John and Louise Linn of Craigville, he was a 1939 graduate of Lancaster Central High School and a 1947 graduate of Purdue University. His father was a Craigville rural postal carrier for many years.

Mr. Linn was vice president in charge of sales at Egyptian Lacquer for 30 years, retiring in 1987. He served as a pilot in the Air Force from 1951 to 1953. He was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ and a former member of Lafayette Country Club, Elks Lodge, John Purdue Club and Tecumseh Kiwanis Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Martha L. Schubert, who he married in Bluffton on Sept. 3, 1943. Also surviving are two daughters, Susan L. Linn of Whiteland and Juli Shelton of Vincennes.

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Edward A. Aspy, 54

A former resident of Bluffton and Montpelier, Edward A. Aspy, 54, of Geneva died at 12:44 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006, at Adams County Memorial Hospital, Decatur.

Mr. Aspy previously worked for Franklin Electric Co. in Bluffton. He had worked for Ryder Truck Lines in Fort Wayne and had formerly been a truck driver for McCammon Trucking in Montpelier.

Edward Aspy

He is a former co-owner of A & C Enterprises in Geneva and a former driver for the Montpelier unit of the Blackford County Ambulance Service. He attended Geneva First United Methodist Church.

He was born Aug. 19, 1951, in Blackford County to Robert L. and Meredyth J. (Anderson) Aspy of Montpelier, who survive. He was a 1969 graduate of Montpelier High School.

Other survivors include two daughters, Angel M. Aspy and Mrs. Chris (Joy M.) Smith, both of Lake Odessa, Mich.; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Jim (Tammy) Oliver of Monroe, a brother, William R. Aspy of Hartford City; and two grandchildren.

Services are at 1 p.m. Thursday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier, with Pastor Tom Bradley and Pastor Marvin Schwartz officiating.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Brookside Memorial Park, Montpelier.

Preferred memorials are to the Geneva Volunteer Fire Department or the Geneva Police Department.

Thelma M. Manns, 95

A former longtime resident of Ossian, Thelma M. (Stevens) Manns, 95, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at Day Springs Health Care Center, Fairborn, Ohio.

A homemaker, Mrs. Manns was born on July 29, 1910, in Decatur to Smith and Sarah J. (Crosier) Stevens.

Survivors include three sons, Robert Manns of New Haven, Roger Manns of Enon, Ohio, and Raymond Manns of Fort Wayne; a sister, Veda Renn of Defiance, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Manns.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian.

Services are at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Timothy Dilley officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian.

Jakob N. Dawson, 2

Funeral services for 27-month-old Jakob N. Dawson who died Thursday, Jan.19, 2006, at his Uniondale residence, will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Jakob Dawson

He was born Oct. 17, 2003 in Fort Wayne to Ray Hoose and Nicole Dawson, both of Uniondale.

In addition to the parents, other survivors are a brother, Leroy Dawson of Uniondale; maternal grandparents Frank and Brenda Sudduth of West Manchester, Ohio; Carolyn Dawson of Ossian; Eileen May of Ossian and Greg May of Bluffton. Also surviving are a number of aunts, uncles and cousins. Preceding him in death were great grandparents Harold May and Leroy Dawson.

Calling is today from 4 to 7 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian and also for one hour prior to the 11 a.m. services Tuesday at the church. Pastor William Brege will officiate.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

(The above obituary is being re-published to provide corrected information)

Gale J. Scott, 86

A retired Sheller Globe employee, Gale J. Scott, 86, of Pennville, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at Twin City Health Care in Gas City following an extended illness.

He had been a Baptist minister and had retired in 1981 from Sheller Globe at Montpelier.

Born May 4, 1919, in Big Stone Gap, Va., to Arthur and Mary (Lawson) Scott, his marriage on June 1, 1940, was to Marie Dorton, who survives.

Other survivors include a son, Ray H. Scott of Pennville; two sisters, Lois Wilson and Agnes McConnell, both of Big Stone Gap; two brothers, Glen Scott and Kyle Scott, both of Dayton, Ohio; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jim Scott in August 1990; and two brothers, Clifford Scott and Leo Scott.

Calling is from 3 to 7 p.m. today in the Pennville Chapel of Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Everett Bilbrey officiating.

Burial will be in IOOF Twin Hills Cemetery, Pennville.

Preferred memorials are to Redkey Community Baptist Church.

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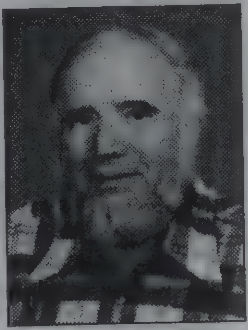
Arnold N. Weidler, 82

Arnold N. Weidler, 82, of Decatur died at 6 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had retired from Phelps-Dodge in Fort Wayne in 1986 after 30 years of service. Mr. Weidler was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Vera Cruz.

Born Dec. 13, 1923, in Adams County to Fred C. and Viola S. (Tewers) Weidler, his marriage on Dec. 16, 1944, in Oklahoma City, Okla., was to Billye Chandler, who died on Feb. 8, 1984. His marriage on Nov. 19, 1988, in Vera Cruz was to Marjorie L. Withrow, who survives.


Arnold Weidler

Other survivors include daughters Mrs. James (Nancy C.) Brown of New Haven, Mrs. Wes (Arlene J.) Kuntzman of Monroe and Tami L. Seem of Wapakoneta, Ohio; sons Dan E. Weidler of Ventura, Calif., and James A. Weidler of Kokomo; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Ron (Nancy M.) Smith of Ogden, Utah; a stepson, Al Withrow of Berrien Springs, Mich.; sisters Anna Laura Hirschy of Berne and Mrs. Stan (Mary Emma) Lyons of Upland; brothers Wilfred J. Weidler and Paul H. Weidler, both of Haines City, Fla., Rudolph C. Weidler of Clinton, Md., and Donald F. Weidler of Decatur; 17 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Leona A. Stanley.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Rev. Rick Pulling officiating. There is also calling one hour prior to services on Friday.

Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to St. John's United Church of Christ.

Joe Castillo, 57

Joe Castillo, 57, of Hartford City died at 4 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, at Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie.

Mr. Castillo worked for Brooks Construction in Fort Wayne.

Joe Castillo

He was born July 30, 1948, in St. Francis County, Ark., to Isabel M. and Maria C. (Reyes) Castillo. His father survives and resides in Portland.

His marriage on Oct. 26, 1974, in Montpelier was to Brenda (Sills) Castillo, who survives.

Other survivors include daughters Mrs. Samuel (Lucrethia A.) Altman of Frankfort, Stathia L. Castillo of Lafayette, Mrs. Jasen (Chasta J.) Pfefferkorn of Hamilton, and Clysta A. Castillo and Alethia L. Castillo, both of Hartford City; sisters Ramona Reyna of Adrian, Mich., Christina Short of Dunkirk, and Janie Meehan, Frances Watson and Josephine Smith, all of Portland; brothers Isabel Castillo Jr. of Portland and Pablorayes Castillo and Benito Castillo, both of Pennville; three grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier. Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Montpelier. Preferred memorials are to the family.

Doris Merriman, 86

A Wells County native, Doris (Byerly) Merriman, 86, died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

A homemaker, she was a member of Maranatha Church of God and served three times as the past Noble Grand of Rebeka's Daughters. She was born in Craigville.

Survivors include sons Wayne L. Paxson of Avilla, Rollin E. Paxson of Hoffman Estates, Ill., and Keith A. Merriman of Fort Wayne; sisters Alta M. Brubaker of Indianapolis, Maxine L. Smith of Oscala, Fla., and Wanda Carper of Auburn; brothers Wendell W. Byerly of Angola and Leon Byerly of Ossian; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur E. Merriman, in 1987; and by two brothers, Dale E. Byerly and Donald Byerly.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Services are at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Terry M. Owens officiating. There is also calling one hour prior to the services.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association of Allen County.

Ruth I. Dalton, 78

A Wells County native, Ruth I. Dalton, 78, of Jonesboro died at 7:40 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at Blackford Community Hospital, Hartford City.

Mrs. Dalton was a line inspector for more than 25 years at Kerr Glass in Dunkirk.

She was born Feb. 23, 1927, in Wells County to George and Mable (Penrod) McFarren.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Dalton; and a daughter, Janet Grover of Bradenton, Fla. She was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, Gas City.

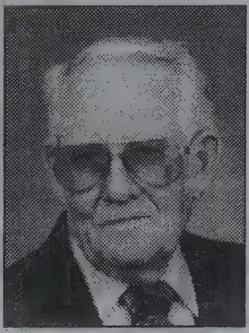
Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Rev. Mick Simpkins officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren.

Robert A. Wilson, 85

Robert A. Wilson, 85, of Uniondale died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wilson retired from K-Mart as a foreman in 1983 after 33 years of service. He also worked in maintenance at Timber Ridge Golf Course for 20 years.



Robert Wilson

He was an Air Force veteran with service during World War II. Mr. Wilson attended Bluffton Church of the Nazarene and was a member of the Uniondale Fire Department, Markle VFW and was a former president of the Uniondale Town Board.

He was born Dec. 20, 1920, in Wells County to Charles A. and Margaret (Hatfield) Wilson, and he graduated from East Union Center High School in 1939. His marriage on Oct. 25, 1947, in Whitley County was to Laurel M. Fulk, who survives.

Survivors include a daughter, Deborah A. Charleston of Uniondale, sons Bruce W. Wilson of Ossian, James A. Wilson of Bluffton and Stacey R. Wilson, Steve B. Wilson and Roger B. Wilson, all of Uniondale; sisters Nancy Johnson of Bluffton, Agnes Baker of Huntington and Janet Cooper of Muncie; brothers Everett Wilson of Markle, Max Wilson of Bluffton, and Philip Wilson of Florida; 16 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters and a brother.

Services are at 1 p.m. Thursday at Prospect United Methodist Church with Rev. Larry Sheets and Rev. Rick Secor officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian, and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Burial will be in Prospect Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the cemetery.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who helped during our husband, father, and grandfather's illness and death. We want to thank Bluffton Regional and the ER doctor who was on call that day and Lutheran Hospital. We would like to thank Dr. Wiebe and all the wonderful people from Hospice. We appreciate everything you did for our family. Thanks to all our family, friends and neighbors who brought food and flowers who just came to sit with us. Thank you for all the donations. Thank you, to King's Highway Tabernacle and Cowboy's for our dinner. Our special thanks goes to Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home and Rev. James Poling and Rev. David Henry for the wonderful service they did. You touched our hearts and souls. God bless each and every one of you.

The family of David (Bud) Kinsey

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Mary Lou Sprowl, 76

Mary Lou Sprowl, 76, of Markle died at 5:05 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, at Markle Health Care Center.

Mrs. Sprowl had worked at Caswell-Runion in Huntington and also as the police dispatcher for the Markle Police Department. She was a member of the Markle Church of Christ.

She was born May 29, 1929, in Huntington County to Christopher and Pearl (Tyron) Wall, and graduated in 1948 from West Rock Creek High School.

Her marriage on April 9, 1950, in Markle was to Clyde "Rex" Sprowl, who preceded her in death on Oct. 28, 1989.

Survivors include a sister, Betty Higgley of Lander, Wyo., and several nieces and nephews.

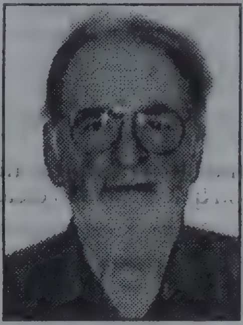
She was preceded in death by four sisters, Faye Willour, Eileen Woodward, Grace Ragan and Jean Working.

Graveside services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Markle Cemetery with Gerald O. Moreland officiating. There is no visitation.

Preferred memorials are to the Markle Park Foundation.

Stanley G. Trainer Jr., 77

The father of Stanley G. Trainer III of Markle, Stanley G. Trainer Jr., 77, of Fort Wayne died at 7:09 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, at his residence.


Stanley Trainer Jr.

Mr. Trainer had been employed by the U.S. Postal Service. He was a U.S. Marine Corp. veteran with service during World War II and the Korean War.

Born June 22, 1928, in Hot Springs, Va., to Stanley G. and Constance (Mines) Trainer, his marriage on June 8, 1945, at Daytona Beach, Fla., was to Ada Jeanette Altman, who preceded him in death on July 29, 2004.

Survivors, in addition to the son in Markle, include two daughters, Constance M. Trainer of Frankfurt, Ky., and Sandra K. Price of Huntington; three other sons, Lee A. Trainer and Steven W. Trainer, both of Huntington, and Kenneth J. Trainer of Arlington, Va.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Warm Springs Cemetery in Warm Springs, Va.

William A. Myers, 84

William A. Myers, 84, of Craigville died Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Myers was a retired farmer and had worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 23 years, retiring in 1983.

William Myers

He was born July 19, 1921, in Wells County to Christopher "Dora" and Mary (Rupright) Myers.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie M. (Gresley) Myers; a daughter, Jacalyn D. Myers of Craigville; a brother, Junior T. Myers of Ossian; three granddaughters; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Jane and Joani.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian, with Rev. Mike Wertenberger and Rev. Rod Blomquist officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Prairie View Cemetery, Tocsin.

Preferred memorials are to Hospice Home or the Memorial Fund for Faith Fellowship Church.

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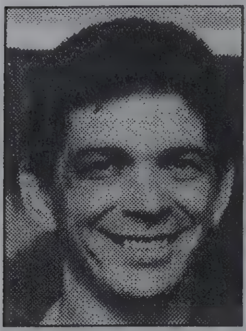
Michael Linn, 41

Michael Linn, 41, of Bluffton died Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, in Madison County, Ind.

Mr. Linn previously had worked for Crown Unlimited in Bluffton for eight years as a fabricator/machinist. He had been a member of First Church of Christ.


Michael Linn

He was born Sept. 29, 1964, in Oaklawn, Ill., and he served in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his mother, Connie (Shuey) Van Camp of Harrison, Ark.; a daughter, Jaclyn Linn of Fort Wayne; two sons, Jack Linn and Steven Linn, both of Fort Wayne; and siblings Roy E. Linn of Black Hawk, S.D., Mark A. Linn of Rapids City, S.D., Kandi D. Sucher of Akron, Ohio, Mrs. Alan (Tina M.) Coblentz of Bluffton and Mrs. Joe (Charleen R.) Dipancrazio of Bloomington, Minn.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert E. Linn in 1992.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. A private family memorial service will be held at a later time.

Preferred memorials are to the Woodburn Children's Legacy Fund.

Robert L. Butcher, 74

A longtime former employee of Decatur Casting, Robert L. Butcher, 74, of rural Decatur died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. today and from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Decatur Church of God. There is also calling one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Carol L. Child, 61

Carol L. Child, 61, of Clearwater, Fla., died at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at her residence.

She worked in journalism and was a member of Living Hope Community Church of Pinellas.

She was born Aug. 3, 1944, in Wichita, Kan., to Ronald and Frances (Petty) Child.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Dean (Robin) Saigumba of Clearwater, Fla.; a son, Scott Wedekind of Lawrence, Kan.; and a brother, David Child of Chicago.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Pennville, with Rev. Douglas McClure officiating.

Goodwin Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Jerry D. Fetters, 69

Jerry D. Fetters, 69, of Bluffton died from A.L.S. at 8:40 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006, at Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center. He had been in failing health the past month.

Mr. Fetters was a social studies teacher for 20 years at Bourbon Middle School. While teaching at Bourbon, he resided at Big Chapman Lake.

Jerry Fetters

He returned to Bluffton in the early 1980s and was assistant manager at McDonald's Restaurant in Waynedale for three years. He was an active member of First Baptist Church, where he served for several years as a Sunday school teacher. He was a former member of the Wells County Historical Society.

A Bluffton native, he was born March 31, 1936, to Ralph D. and Ruby Mae (Goodspeed) Fetters.

Survivors include two sisters, Janet S. Van Zant of Bluffton and Joyce Louise Thoman of Indianapolis; two brothers, Max E. Fetters of Fort Wayne and Kenny N. Fetters of Knapp Lake; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Services are at 3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Mayor Ted Ellis officiating.

Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to First Baptist Church.

Claren J. Neuenschwander, 84

A former superintendent of South Adams Schools, Claren J. Neuenschwander, 84, of Berne died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006, at Swiss Village Retirement Community.

Mr. Neuenschwander was a former teacher and coach at Jefferson High School and principal at Berne-French Schools. He was an organizer and director of the Berne Recreation Facilities, former executive secretary of Berne Chamber of Commerce, former co-owner of Amishville and he helped organize the Swiss Heritage Society.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Swiss Village Retirement Community. Graveside services are at 9:30 a.m. Monday at M.R.E. Cemetery, followed by a 10:30 a.m. memorial service at First Mennonite Church. Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, is in charge of the arrangements.

Rebecca D. Christner, 89

Rebecca D. Christner, 89, of rural Geneva died at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006, at her residence.

A homemaker, Mrs. Christner was a member of the Old Order Amish.

Born July 13, 1916, in Adams County to David A. and Mary P. (Schwartz) Wickey, her marriage on Nov. 10, 1938, in Adams County was to Cletus S. Christner, who preceded her in death on Nov. 8, 1990.

Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Joe (Becky) Troyer, Mrs. Elmer (Sylvia) Eicher, Mrs. Menno G. (Katie) Schwartz, Mrs. Mervin (Liz) Yoder and Mrs. Ben M. (Esther) Girod, all of Berne; three sons, Dave Christner of Geneva, Levi Christner of Canaan and Cletus Christner of Vevay; 84 grandchildren; and 221 great-grandchildren.

Calling is from 1 to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at the home of Menno G. Schwartz, 868E - 700S, Berne, where services will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday. Burial will be in Bunker Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva.

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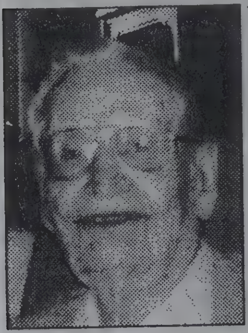
Vernon W. Young, 100

A lifelong resident of Wells County, Vernon W. Young, 100, of Bluffton died at 1:03 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Young was a farmer for much of his life, retiring in 1973. When he was younger, he attended Mole Hill Grade School and worked at the Nottingham School.

A Bluffton native, he was born Sept. 7, 1905, to John B. and Rella Mae (Alberson) Young. His marriage on Aug. 12, 1951, was to Viola Blair, who died in October 1960. He was married on Feb. 1, 1964, to Barbara Lake, who preceded him in death on Aug. 8, 1999.


Vernon W. Young

Survivors include a sister, Dorothy Nevil of Kokomo; a sister-in-law, Margaret Young of Redkey; many nieces and nephews; and a special great-nephew, Travis Nevil of Sharpsville. He was preceded in death by two sisters and eight brothers.

Calling is from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Services are at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with Lynn Fiechter officiating.

Burial will be in Alberson Cemetery in Adams County.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

Elmer L. Wiles, 86

The father of Mrs. Gary (Ann) Tucker of Ossian, Elmer L. Wiles, 86, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006, at his residence.

Mr. Wiles worked in management at Dana Corp., retiring in 1983 after 36 years of service. He attended Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. He was born June 6, 1919, in New Castle, and he was a U.S. Army veteran, with service during World War II.

Survivors, in addition to the daughter in Ossian, include another daughter, Mrs. Mike (Gail) Simone of Fort Wayne; a son, Dan Wiles of Fort Wayne; a sister, Ruth Martin of Centerville; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sylvia Ruth Hageman Wiles in 1991.

Services are at 11 a.m. Monday at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to services on Monday at the church.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Preferred memorials are to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Charles R. Shupert, 51

A brother of Alan Shupert of Bluffton, Charles R. Shupert, 51, of Huntington County died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at his residence.

A 1973 graduate of Huntington North High School, Mr. Shupert had served in the U.S. Army. He was born Dec. 15, 1954, in Elkhart County to William and Mary Shupert.

Survivors, in addition to the brother in Bluffton, include his mother, Mary Shupert of Huntington; a sister, Daryl Shrock of Huntington; and another brother, Hugh Shupert of Indianapolis.

Private family services will be held. A public gathering of family and friends will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at his mother's home.

Arrangements are by Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Mona Jean Cronkhite, 57

Mona Jean Cronkhite, 57, of Bluffton died at 2:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Cronkhite had worked at Peyton's Northern and at Indiana Glass for 26 years. She attended Bluffton High School and was a member of the Moose Lodge.

Born Jan. 5, 1949, in Bluffton to James E. and Betty R. Combs Grogg, her marriage in November 1992 was to William Cronkhite, who preceded her in death on Aug. 3, 1998.

Mona Jean Cronkhite

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Jason (Jo Anna) Newman of Montpelier; sisters Bonnie L. Grogg of Bluffton, Mrs. Craig (Sharon) Young of Convoy, Ohio, and Mrs. Tim (Karen) Vorndran of Fort Wayne; brothers Gayland E. Grogg and Phil E. Grogg, both of Bluffton, and Gerry L. Grogg of Convoy; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Duane Adams; and a grandson.

Calling is from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Tom Bradley officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Mary C. Myers, 82

Mary C. Myers, 82, of Bluffton died at 5:12 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, at The Hospice of Lansing Residence in Lansing, Mich.

Mrs. Myers was a homemaker and was co-owner/operator of H&M Builders in Bluffton, L&D Construction Co. of Decatur and Lyndebob Inc. of Bluffton which she ran with her husband.

Mary Myers

She was a founding member of Hope Missionary Church. She and her husband served on mission trips to Haiti over the years. She has resided in Michigan since November 2004.

She was born Oct. 2, 1923, in Poneto to Everett and Chloe (Walker) Carnes, and was a 1941 graduate of Chester Township School. Her marriage on July 7, 1944, in Indianapolis was to Howard E. Myers, who preceded her in death on March 29, 1993.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Bob (Deb) Reusser of Lansing and Mrs. Lynda Downing of Allendale, Mich.; siblings Monnah Raber and Sue Vaughn, both of Bluffton, Uvonne Loftin of Louisiana and Berthetta Chaney of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Carnes.

Calling is from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Services are at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Gary Aupperle and Pastor Matt Hartsell officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to The Hospice of Lansing Residence.

Joyce M. Cullar, 67

Joyce M. Cullar, 67, of Markle died at 10:11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Cullar had worked at Markle Health Care Center for 10 years and most recently as a CNA for five years at Ossian Health Care Center, retiring in 2003. She was a member of Uniondale United Methodist Church.

Joyce Cullar

Born Oct. 7, 1938, in Wabash County to George C. and Agnes (Mattox) Rapp, her marriage on March 30, 1958, in Lincolnville, Ind., was to Fred V. Cullar, who preceded her in death on June 23, 1995.

Survivors include a son, Dave Cullar of Uniondale; a sister, Mrs. Glenn (Ruth) Summers of Wabash; three brothers, George Rapp Jr., Paul Rapp and Charles Rapp, all of LaFontaine; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Carl V. Cullar on June 26, 1995.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Rev. Troy Drayer officiating.

Entombment will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Huntington County.

Preferred memorials are to Uniondale United Methodist Church.

Laura A. Meyer, 90

The mother of Mrs. Wayne (Susan) Grove of Bluffton, Laura A. Meyer, 90, died at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, at her residence in Berne.

Mrs. Meyer was a homemaker and a member of Grace Bible Church.

Born May 11, 1915, in Adams County to John C. and Sarah (Zurcher) Soldner, her marriage in February 1935 was to Paul Meyer, who preceded her in death in 1961.

Survivors, in addition to the daughter in Bluffton, include two other daughters, Mrs. Rus (Joan) Sulek of Greenfield and Mrs. Dick (Phyllis) Conrad of Noblesville; a son, Larry Meyer of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Mrs. Verne (Katherine) Sprunger of West Chester, Ohio, Loretta Brooks of Ceylon, Ind., and Lorena Covey of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Florence Brauner and Marie Macy.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Grace Bible Church with Pastor Charles Circle officiating.

Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Grace Bible Church.

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Vivian C. LeMaster, 85

The mother of Douglas F. LeMaster Jr. of rural Bluffton, Vivian C. LeMaster, 85, of rural Howe died Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at her residence.

Mrs. LeMaster had been a homemaker, a school teacher in Wells County and an associate professor of English literature at Huntington University.

She had been a member of Fairdale Baptist Church in Hemphill, Texas. She had moved to the Howe area in 2000 from Hemphill.

Born Feb. 25, 1920, in Central, S.C., to Ira and Nancy (Wham) Chapman, her marriage on Jan. 1, 1944, in Kannapolis, N.C., was to Douglas F. LeMaster Sr., who survives.

Other survivors, in addition to the rural Bluffton son, include a sister, Vessie Belk of Kannapolis, N.C.; and a brother, Ira Chapman Jr. of Charlotte, N.C.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister and two brothers.

There are no services or calling. Preferred memorials are to the LaGrange County Animal Shelter.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of the arrangements.

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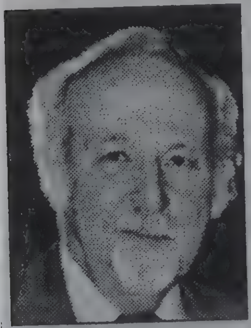
Dr. Wallace Van Den Bosch, 85

Dr. Wallace Raymond Van Den Bosch, 85, of West Lafayette died at 2:40 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Dr. Van Den Bosch was chief of psychiatry for Caylor-Nickel Clinic, starting in 1982. His employment at Caylor-Nickel continued until 1991.



Dr. Wallace Van Den Bosch

He served in the U.S. Navy and was a self-employed psychiatrist in Lafayette from 1956 to 1982. He served as president of the Tippecanoe Medical Association and the St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Staff. He also served as president of the American Psychiatric Society. He received a certificate of distinction for 50 years of service with the Indiana State Medical Association.

He was born June 28, 1920, to John B. and Marsha Shannon Van Den Bosch in Bradenton, Fla. He married Avanelle D. Miller in 1985 and she survives.

Other survivors include three daughters, Roberta Bowers of Bloomingdale, Ind., Teresa Sanders of Phoenix and Sandra Van Den Bosch of West Point; five stepchildren, Ronald Cobb of Jacksonville, Fla., and Lynda Estes, Sherry Ryan, Michael Morehouse and Jeffrey Morehouse; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marie Dvorak; and his second wife, Charlotte Morehouse.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Soller-Baker Lafayette Chapel.

Services are at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Rev. Ron Hawkins officiating.

Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at West Union Cemetery in Monrovia.

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Peggy J. Crow, 78

Peggy J. Crow, 78, of Ossian died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Crow was a homemaker and a travel escort for L&L Travel. She volunteered at Embassy Theatre and at the Bargain Hut in Bluffton and attended Ossian United Methodist Church.

Peggy Crow

Born Aug. 11, 1927, in Zanesville to Harley C. and Mildred (Pence) Slane, her marriage on Feb. 2, 1947, was Keith L. Crow, who preceded her in death in 1974.

Survivors include three sons, James K. Crow of Bluffton, Jeffrey L. Crow of Fort Wayne and Jerry A. Crow of Uniondale; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Calling is from noon until 2 p.m. Friday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian.

Services are at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with Rev. Tim Dilley officiating.

Burial will be in Hoverstock Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Ossian United Methodist Church.

THE NEWS-BANNER
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Carl W. Myers Jr., 57

The stepfather of Jennifer Loshe of Bluffton, Carl W. Myers Jr., 57, died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Myers worked as a tax preparer in Spencerville, and had also worked for Federal Mogul in quality assurance. He was a Vietnam veteran.

Born on May 25, 1948, in Portland to Carl William and Betty Louise (Lewis) Moses Myers, his marriage on Jan. 19, 1975, in Fort Wayne was to Constance Osborn Myers, who survives.

Other survivors, in addition to the stepdaughter in Bluffton, include a daughter, Hillary Myers of Spencerville and a sister, Margaret Jolayne Ely of Chattanooga, Tenn.

There will be no services or calling. Arrangements are by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

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Arlue E. Whitlock, 96

A native and former Bluffton resident, Arlue E. Whitlock, 96, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006 at the Spectrum Health Care Center in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Born in Bluffton on Jan. 24, 1910 to Earl R. and Nellie A. Beatty Deam, she married Davis F. Whitlock in Bluffton on Sept. 28, 1929; he died Jan. 28, 1988.

A homemaker, she also worked in Chicago as a secretary after graduating from Bluffton High School in 1928. She returned to Bluffton in 1970, then moved to Michigan in 1997 to be close to her daughter. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton, the Sigma Phi Gamma sorority, Wells County Chorus, TNT Club, Home Forum and was active in the Wells County Red Cross for 13 years. She also had served as a board member of the Wells County Council on Aging.

Arlue Whitlock

Survivors include a daughter, Erma Lee Brondyke of Kentwood, Mich; two sisters, Helen Hankinson of Richmond and Betty DeVoe of Greenwood; three grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley Whitlock; two brothers, Earl R. Deam and James Deam; and a sister, Erma Gregg.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, with Pastor Cindy Osgood officiating. Calling hours are Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the church or Hospice of Michigan.

Madge E. Hetrick, 87

A native of Wells County, Madge E. Hetrick, 87, Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006 at Millers Merry Manor in Fort Wayne.

Born in Tocsin on July 7, 1918 to John and Garnet Hall Wasson, she married Donald Hetrick on Feb. 16, 1946 in Decatur. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church and retired from Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. in 1980.

Survivors include a son, Steven Hetrick of Fort Wayne; a sister, Myrl Kipfer of Fort Wayne; one granddaughter and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and one son, Darrell Hetrick.

Calling hours are Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at D. O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Chapel, Fort Wayne. Services will be held there Wednesday at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton. Preferred memorials are to the church.

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Raymond R. Baumgartner, 85

A former Adams County farmer, Raymond R. Baumgartner, 85, died at 5:50 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Baumgartner was a lifelong farmer, and also was a driver for Hilty's Construction crew for more than 25 years. He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church.

He was born in Adams County on Nov. 19, 1920, to Sam H. and Emma Fiechter Baumgartner.

Survivors include three sisters, Lorine Baumgartner, Mrs. Ralph (Lucinda) Steffen and Mrs. Wilmer (Clara) Gerber, all of Bluffton; and a brother, Glen Baumgartner of Phoenix, Ariz.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Apostolic Christian Church East with ministers of the church officiating.

Calling is from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Burial will be in Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the church.

Vaughn J. Day, 91

Vaughn J. Day, 91, died at 7:25 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at Markle Health Care Center.

Mr. Day had worked in manufacturing at Majestic Corporation in Huntington, retiring in 1978. He also was a self-employed farmer in Rockcreek Township of Wells County for 30 years. He was a member of Markle Church of Christ.

Vaughn Day

Born in Huntington County on Sept. 14, 1914, to Marion and Laura (Eubank) Day, his marriage on Aug. 30, 1932, in Markle was to Evelyn M. Ulrich, who preceded him in death on Aug. 17, 1978.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. David (Linda) Gilbert of Middletown; three sons, Jack R. Day of Tucson, Ariz., Jerry L. Day of Markle and Dennis M. Day of Cary, N.C.; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five sisters, Ada Wiley, Eva Jones, Gladys Sturdivant, Adda Kirkpatrick and Dorothy Rice; and a brother, Orin Day.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Gerald O. Moreland officiating.

Burial will be in Markle Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Markle Church of Christ.

Theo Frauhiger, 95

Mother of Paul Frauhiger of Bluffton, Theo Frauhiger, 95, died Sunday, Feb. 5, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

Born Oct. 9, 1910 in Decatur to Harry and Pearl Sowards Bauer, she married Walter Frauhiger, formerly of Craigville, July 6, 1929. He preceded her in death in June of 1965.

Additional survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Jim (Peggy Ann) Campbell of Albion, Mrs. Joe (Patricia Sue) Pee of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Bill (Diana Ruth) Stahl of Columbus, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services at 11 a.m. Thursday under the direction of Chaplain Douglas Holley will be at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Burial will be in the Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery near Vera Cruz.

Mary Ann Kumfer, 82

Mary Ann Kumfer, 82, of rural Markle, died Monday, Feb. 6, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Wells County Feb. 10, 1923, to Charles M. and Edna P. Hartman Duncan, her marriage to Forrest E. "Bud" Kumfer took place June 16, 1951, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death March 31, 2005.

She was a homemaker and employed by Reliable Service Inc., a family-owned business, as a clerical worker. A 1941 graduate of Lancaster Central High School, she was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bluffton.

Survivors include a son, Larry, of Ossian; a sister, Pauline Booker of Bluffton; two brothers, Robert Duncan of Bluffton and James M. Duncan of Ossian; one grandchild, two step-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Mary Ann Kumfer

She was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

Services at 11 a.m. Friday under the direction of Revs. Ralph Thorton and Larry Elder will be at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian. Burial will follow at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ossian.

Calling is from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Carolyn A. Drake, 64

A native of Bluffton, Carolyn A. Drake, 64, of Grand Rapids, Mich., died at 8:10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at Spectrum Health-Butterworth in Grand Rapids.

Born April 22, 1941, in Bluffton to George and Lenora Pace Mills, her marriage Dec. 19, 1987, was to Samuel A. Drake, who preceded her in death May 11, 1998.

A factory worker, she was a member of the Wren Church of the Nazarene in Wren, Ohio.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Cory (Renee) McDougall of Bluffton and Dawn Pierce and Amanda Bailey, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, Roy Mills of Hamilton, Mich.; three sisters, Evelyn Waters, Geneva, Annette Enochs, Hartford City, and Elaine Ruth, Portland; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services at 11 a.m. Saturday will be under the direction of Pastor Robert Shook at Mt. Tabor Cemetery.

There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Myrna Rosalie Pashak Steffen, 67

Services were held in Alto, Mich., Sunday, Feb. 5, for Myrna Rosalie Pashak Steffen, 67, of Alto, who died Friday, Feb. 3.

Survivors include her husband of 43 years, Carl Steffen; sons Terry of Alto, Mich. and Mark of Arizona; daughters Mrs. Brad (Michelle) Baumgartner, of Bluffton, Mrs. John (Jill) Casper of Colorado and Mrs. Mike (Treasure) Reynolds of Oklahoma; and 17 grandchildren.

Burial was in the Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery in Alto.

James H. Ward Myers, 86

Father of Kenneth Myers of Bluffton, James H. Ward Myers, 86, died at 7:44 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, at his residence in Geneva.

Born March 13, 1919, in Jay County to James Otis and Rachel Ann Perry Myers, he married the former Florence McCollum in Hartford Twp., Adams County, May 18, 1946. She survives.

A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945, he served in Greenland. He was a member of the American Legion Post #468 in Berne and a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He worked at General Electric in Decatur for 34 years and was a retired farmer. He had attended Bryant High School and was a member of Bryant Wesleyan Church.

Additional survivors include another son, David, of Geneva; a sister, Daisy Rauch of Berne; a brother, Roland Andrew Myers of Monroe; five grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

James H.W. Myers

He was preceded in death by two brothers, William Harvey Wayne Myers and Garth Myers; a sister, Vivian Thornton; and two half-sisters, Lindell Velez and Phyllis Denny.

Services at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday under the direction of Pastor Joe Nass. Graveside military rites will follow at Gravel Hill Cemetery near Bryant.

Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Bethel Brethren Church in Berne, the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

Ruth M. Helmer, 83

Mother of Susan Houlihan of Bluffton, Ruth M. Helmer, 83, died at 9:28 p.m. Monday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She had been in declining health the past six years.

Born Sept. 22, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Lionel and Ruth Birkenbuel Gebhart, she married Dale Helmer at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Fort Wayne May 17, 1947. He preceded her in death Feb. 24, 1994.

A 1940 graduate of South Side High School, she had been a resident of Avilla since 1947. She worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for seven years and was a homemaker. She was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and the American Legion Post #240 Auxiliary.

In addition to the Bluffton daughter, she is survived by three sons, Dennis of Avilla, Douglas of Fort Wayne, and Steven of Porter; a sister, Mary Ullen of Encino, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.

Two sisters, Gladys Koehlinger and Florence Mangan and one brother, Lionel Gebhart Jr., preceded her in death.

Services at 10 a.m. Saturday will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla under the direction of Father Daniel Durkin. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Calling at Brazzell & Sons Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel, will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday. Calling will also be held one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

A special Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

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Mary E. Malott, 90

A former Blackford County resident, Mary E. Malott, 90, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at Fostrian Manor in Flushing, Mich.

Services are at 2 p.m. Friday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier, with Rev. Michael Lawson officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Hartford City Cemetery.

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Mark A. "Tiny" Wright, 85

Mark A. "Tiny" Wright, 85, died at 12:25 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. He had been a resident of Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Mark Wright

Mr. Wright had been a truck driver for General Electric, retiring in 1985 after 37 years of service.

He was a member of Apostolic Christian Church and the Uniondale Lions Club.

He was born Sept. 21, 1920 in Huntington County to Benjiman and Nettie (Schwartz) Wright. His marriage on July 11, 1959, in Uniondale was to Lillian E. (Meyer), who preceded him in death on May 14, 1989.

Survivors include a niece, Mrs. Jay (Sharon) Crozier of Ossian; a nephew, Kenneth Wright of Flat Rock, Mich.; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. He was the last of his family.

Calling is from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Apostolic Christian Church or Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Viola L. Mahnensmith Fitch, 103

A former teacher at Ossian Elementary School, Viola LaVerne Mahnensmith Fitch, 103, died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fitch taught school for more than 40 years total, including 12 years at Ossian. She was a member of A.A.U.W., Fort Wayne Women's Club, Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority.

She was born March 31, 1902, in Ossian. She was a charter member of Memorial Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Rosalie R. DeWitt of Tucson, Ariz.; a son, Dr. Victor K. Fitch of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Forrest R. Fitch in 1975, and by a son, Linwood R. Fitch.

Calling is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne. Services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Community Harvest Food Bank or Memorial Baptist Church.

Jean Diane Heckel, 56

A sister of Roger Heckel of Bluffton, Jean Diane Heckel, 56, of Litchfield, Mich., died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at Arbor Manor, Spring Arbor, Mich.

A graduate of Central Michigan University, she was employed at Hi-Lex Controls in Litchfield.

She was born Jan. 5, 1950, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Leonard and Alma Lucille (Lambertson) Heckel.

Survivors, in addition to the brother in Bluffton, include a sister, Mrs. Rob (Lisa) Wheeler of Litchfield; and two other brothers, James Heckel and David Heckel, both of Jonesville, Mich.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. today at George White Funeral Home, Litchfield. Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Oaklawn Oncology, Hospice of Oaklawn and Jackson or the American Cancer Society.

Eileen Rickord, 83

The mother of Mrs. Donald (Mary Lou) Van Camp of Ossian, Eileen M. Rickord, 83, Decatur, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006 at her residence.

Born in Fort Wayne on March 23, 1922 to Joseph and Isabell Strebig Smith, she married John H. Rickord on Nov. 30, 1943; he died June 17, 2004.

Eileen Rickord

A homemaker, she was a member of St. Marys of the Assumption Catholic Church in Decatur, the Rosary Society, Harvest House and was president of NCCW.

Other survivors include four sons, Steven, John, and Bernard Rickord, all of Decatur, and Edward Rickord of Hawaii; five other daughters, Margaret Pogue, Joan Rumpel, Nancy Hamilton, Rose Burge, all of Decatur, and Kathleen Scott of Paulding, Ohio; 23 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Daniel, a daughter, Janet K. Smith; two grandchildren; one great grandchild; a brother and two sisters.

Calling hours are Tuesday from 3 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:30-10:20 a.m. at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur. A Rosary will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. On Wednesday, a prayer service will be held at the funeral home at 10:20 a.m. followed by an 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church.

Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Decatur. Preferred memorials are to the church's Improvement Fund of Family Hospice of NE Indiana.

Pam J. Hale-White, 34

The daughter of Harold R. Smith of Montpelier, Pam J. Hale-White, 34, of Fort Wayne, died unexpectedly at 5:21 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006 at Van Wert County Hospital after being stricken at her mother's residence.

Born in Decatur on Aug. 16, 1971 to Harold R. Smith and Aletha Uhrick Hale, she was a homemaker and attended Summit Church in Fort Wayne.

Other survivors include a daughter, Cassandra Hale and a son, Christopher White, both of Fort Wayne; her mother of Van Wert; and three sisters, Cyndi Parson and Candy Harris, both of Berne, and Linda Wietfeldt of Monroe.

Services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur with calling hours two hours prior to the service. A graveside service will also be held Wednesday at Springhill Cemetery (Backesto). Preferred memorials are to the family.

Christine D. Markley, 51

Christine D. Markley, 51, Bluffton, died at 1:40 a.m. this morning, Feb. 13, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Born in Crossville, Tenn. to John and Louise Oda, she was adopted at five years of age, along with her sister Theresa, by Vance and Violette Schomburg. Her first marriage was to Darrell Zollinger. She married David C. Markley in Fort Wayne on Jan. 27, 1982; he survives.

Christine Markley

A homemaker, she was a member of Sacred Heart Church & St. Patrick's. Before moving to Bluffton in 1999, she had lived in Dayton, Ohio, Los Angeles, Fort Wayne, and in Ossian.

Other survivors include a daughter, Erica (Zollinger) Stanfield of Fort Wayne, Chandra Zollinger of New Haven, and Theresa Markley of Bluffton; a son, Daniel Markley of Bluffton; a sister, Theresa Schomburg of Ohio; a brother, Eric Oda of Dayton, Ohio; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Michael Zollinger.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with Father Dale Bauman officiating. Calling hours are Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to the family.

Jean E. Hanauer, 83

Jean E. Hanauer, 83, a former resident of the Markle area, died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2006 at Covington Manor Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Born May 24, 1922 in Allen County to Roy and Ruth Besson Stanley, she married Richard Hanauer on Nov. 27, 1947 in Decatur; he died on Mar. 12, 2005. She was a registered nurse for 30 years at Caylor-Nickel Clinic in Bluffton. She retired from there as Director of Education and also served as In-Service Director. She was a former member of the Zanesville Library Club.

Jean Hanauer

Survivors include a son, Roy Hanauer of Batavia, Ill.; a daughter, Becky Hanauer of Noblesville; three sisters, Joan Mitchell of Columbia City, Margaret Richard of South Whitley, and Charlotte Turnbow of Churubusco; five brothers, Charles Stanley of Columbia City, John Stanley of Middlebury, Robert Stanley of South Whitley, William Stanley of Fort Wayne, and James Stanley of Delta, Ohio. She was preceded in death by a half-sister, Helen Reddy.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian. Calling hours are Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Hoverstock Cemetery in Zanesville. Preferred memorials are to the Turnstone Center for Disabled Children and Adults in Fort Wayne.

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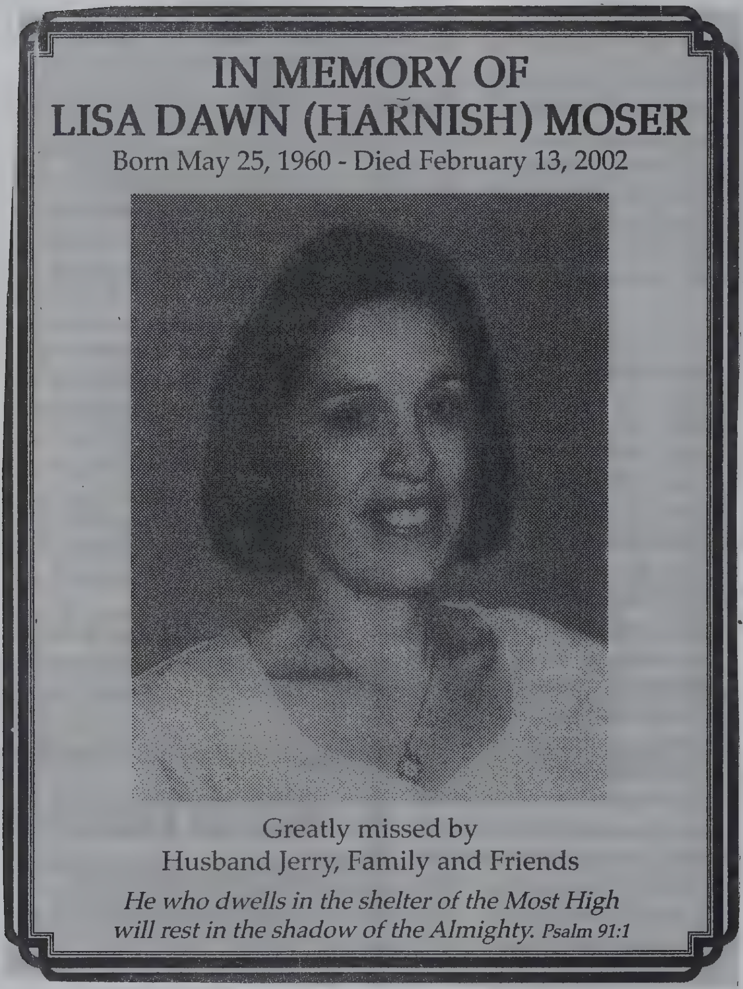

IN MEMORY OF
LISA DAWN (HARNISH) MOSER

Born May 25, 1960 - Died February 13, 2002

Greatly missed by
Husband Jerry, Family and Friends

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. Psalm 91:1

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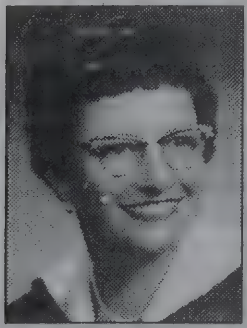
Helen I. Bohr, 87

A former Bluffton resident, Helen I. Bohr, 87, died Sunday morning, Feb. 12, 2006, at Care Manor of Baxter County in Mountain Home, Ark. She had been living in Arkansas since June 2003 and had been a resident of Care Manor since June 2005.



Helen Bohr

Mrs. Bohr had worked at the Progress Store and Montgomery Ward Store in Bluffton. She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Bluffton.

She was born March 24, 1918, in Springfield, Ohio, to Harry and Helen (Norris) Welton. She attended Bluffton High School. Her marriage on June 12, 1937, in Bluffton was to John E. Bohr Sr. Her husband of 50 years preceded her in death on July 12, 1987.

Survivors include a son, John E. Bohr Jr. of Mountain Home; a sister, Rachel Gentis of Bluffton; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Lillian Cotter, Mary Johnson and Bonnie Howell; and two brothers, William Ramsey and Harold Welton.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Larry Sprinkle officiating.

Burial will be in Mossburg Cemetery in Liberty Center.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Jean E. Hanauer, 83

Jean E. Hanauer, 83, a former resident of the Markle area, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006 at Covington Manor Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Born May 24, 1922 in Allen County to Roy and Ruth Besson Stanley, she married Richard Hanauer on Nov. 27, 1947 in Decatur; he died on Mar. 12, 2005. She was a registered nurse for 30 years at Caylor-Nickel Clinic in Bluffton. She retired from there as Director of Education and also served as In-Service Director. She was a former member of the Zanesville Library Club.

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Survivors include a son, Roy Hanauer of Batavia, Ill.; a daughter, Becky Hanauer of Noblesville; three sisters, Joan Mitchell of Columbia City, Margaret Richard of South Whitley, and Charlotte Turnbow of Churubusco; five brothers, Charles Stanley of Columbia City, John Stanley of Middlebury, Robert Stanley of South Whitley, William Stanley of Fort Wayne, and James Stanley of Delta, Ohio. She was preceded in death by a half-sister, Helen Reddy.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian. Calling hours are Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Hoverstock Cemetery in Zanesville. Preferred memorials are to the Turnstone Center for Disabled Children and Adults in Fort Wayne.

(The above obituary is being re-published to provide corrected information)

Mary J. Cadwell, 84

Mary J. Cadwell, 84, of Ossian died Monday, Feb. 13, 2006 at Ossian Health Care. Born May 21, 1921 in Cleveland, Ohio, to Rafael and Salvatrice Troia Caffo, her marriage on Aug. 30, 1941 in Lakewood, Ohio was to Edward L. Cadwell, who preceded her in death.

She was a 1939 graduate of Lakewood High School. She previously resided in Michigan and Florida.

She is survived by sons Marvin Cadwell of Malvern, Pa., and R. Michael Cadwell of Hale, Mich.; daughters, Mrs. Ronald (Mary E.) Kraatz of Ossian, Mrs. Rex (Deborah K.) Becker of Hale, Mich., a sister, Joanne West, and a brother, Thomas Caffo, both of Fountain Valley, Calif. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, James T. Cadwell, a sister and a brother.

Viewing will be held at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian Sunday, beginning at 1 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 3 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the Edward L. and Mary J. Cadwell Education Scholarship Fund at Pellston Public Schools, 172 N. Park St., Pellston, Mich., 49769-9400.

Marianus 'Mari' Petrus Rooijakkers, 49

Marianus "Mari" Petrus Rooijakkers, 49, of Keystone died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, in Maryland.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. For more information, please see the family invitation to services printed on this page.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer memorials to be made to the National Institute of Health (N.I.E.). Memorials may be made through the funeral home.

Norris R. Folk, 90

A Wells County native, Norris R. Folk, 90, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, at Covington Manor Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Folk was employed at Dana of Fort Wayne for 30 years, retiring in 1977.

He was a U.S. Army veteran with service during World War II. He was a life member of Knights of Pythias.

Survivors include nephews David Folk of Fort Wayne, Gerald Ryder of Jackson Center, Ohio, and Michael Folk of Covington, Ky. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret C. Folk in 1999.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

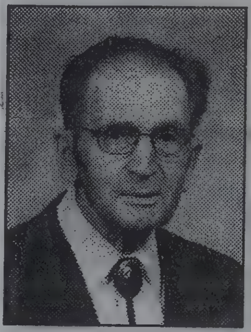
Services are at 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with Chaplain Doug Holley officiating.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Alzheimer's Research.

Floyd L. Steiner, 86

The father of Judy Lynch of Bluffton, Floyd L. Steiner, 86, died at 8:20 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at Swiss Village Retirement Community, Berne.

Mr. Steiner was a retired farmer and businessman. He had been owner and operator of the Linn Grove Elevator for 29 years. He also was a former bus driver for Petroleum School. He attended Living Water United Methodist Church, Linn Grove.



Floyd Steiner

Born on Dec. 11, 1919, in Wells County to George and Ida (Blocker) Steiner, his marriage on Feb. 14, 1945, in Linn Grove was to Irene McCallie, who preceded him in death in 2001.

Survivors, in addition to the daughter in Bluffton, include another daughter, Mrs. Don (Barbara) Renner of French Lick; three sons, Ken Steiner of Monroe, N.C., George Steiner of Geneva and Karl Steiner of Domestic; a sister, Charlotte Queen of Tucson, Ariz.; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Lillian Reynolds; a brother, Glen Steiner; and a grandson.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Living Water United Methodist Church with Rev. Steve McPeek and Rev. Ralph Klinker officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, and one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church.

Burial will be in Old Salem Cemetery, rural Linn Grove. Preferred memorials are to Old Salem Cemetery Fund, Living Water United Methodist Church or the donor's choice.

John N. Wengerd, 58

John N. Wengerd, 58, of rural Pennville, died at 6:16 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13 at Jay County Hospital in Portland.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Friday at the home of Levi J. Wengerd, 8750S U.S. 27, Geneva. Calling at the residence will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Burtial will be at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Adams County.

THE NEWS-BANNER
February 16 2006 Bluffton, Indiana

Nancy Kathleen Rinear, 72

Nancy Kathleen Rinear, 72, of Bluffton died at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She lived in the Wells County area most of her life, and she attended First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton.

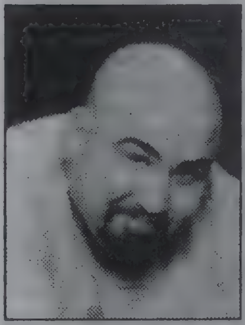
She was born Aug. 13, 1933, in Bluffton to Ralph W. and Kathleen (O'Neal) Rinear, who preceded her in death. She was the last of her family.

Services are at 2 p.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Robert Madsen officiating. Calling is one hour prior to services on Monday at the church.

Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church.

Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Aaron John Brubaker, 29



Aaron J. Brubaker

Aaron John Brubaker, 29, of Bluffton died at 9:35 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at his residence.

He was born Aug. 27, 1976, in Oceanside, Calif., to Rozetta C. Brubaker, who preceded him in death.

His marriage on May 5, 2005, in Fort Wayne was to Crystal Gardnew, who survives.

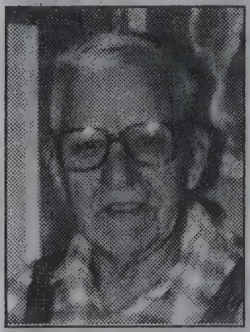
Other survivors include two children, Allyeha and Angel Brubaker, both at home. There is no calling or services. Goodwin Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

THE NEWS-BANNER
February 17 2006
Bluffton, Indiana

Harrold William Beck, 89

Harrold William Beck, 89, of Markle died at 7:20 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington.

Mr. Beck had moved to Markle in 1974 and worked as a night security guard at Caylor-Nickel Clinic in Bluffton until his retirement in 1979.



Harrold Beck

Earlier, he had farmed and worked in several factories. In early 1960, he purchased Plum Tree General Store. Also, he and his wife owned and operated the Etna Avenue Dairy Queen in Huntington from 1964 through 1966.

He was born on April 8, 1916, in Grant County to Adam and Harriett Bellagusta (Forsythe) Beck, and he attended Van Buren High School. His marriage on Feb. 20, 1937, in Warren was to Mary Ellen Blair, who preceded him in death on May 18, 2001.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ronald (Verta Ree) Andes of Columbia City; a brother, LeRoy Beck of Van Buren; five grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Bernard B. Beck; four sisters, LaDonna Parson, Lela Herring, Beatrice Smith and Rena Nash; a grandson; a great-grandson; and a stepgreat-grandson.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren, with Pastor Jackie Michaelson officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. today and one hour prior to services on Saturday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Van Buren Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society.

THE NEWS-BANNER
February 18 2006
Bluffton, Indiana

Paula E. Talbert, 89

A surgical nurse at Caylor Nickel Clinic for 45 years, Paula E. Talbert, 89, of Bluffton, died at 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at Christian Care Retirement Center.

Paula Talbert

Mrs. Talbert graduated from the Rochester, Minn., School of Nursing and worked with Dr. Charles Mayo at the Mayo Clinic. She attended the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton.

Born Aug. 26, 1916, in Adams County to Clifford and Bertha (Deam) Hakey, her marriage in Bluffton on Jan. 3, 1953, was to Dr. Pierre Talbert, who preceded her in death on Sept. 10, 1981.

Survivors include four sons, Pierre (Pete) Talbert Jr. of Chicago, John P. Thompson of Fort Wayne; Charles S. Talbert of Kenosha, Wis., and Glenn I. Talbert of Thomasville, Ga.; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with the Rev. Cindy Osgood officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Callings hours are from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday and one hour before the service Tuesday.

Preferred memorials to Christian Care.

THE NEWS-BANNER

February 20 2006

Bluffton, Indiana

Col. Larry D. Bachelor, 65

A former Bluffton resident, Col. Larry Douglas Bachelor, 65, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, in Blythewood, S.C.

Col. Bachelor retired in 1990 after a 28-year military career, continuing to work in the civilian sector until 1998. A U.S. Army veteran, he served a tour of duty in Vietnam and two in Germany.

Col. Larry Bachelor

He was a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

He was a lifetime member of BPOE Lodge #796, Bluffton, and was a member of Bluffton Lodge #145 F&AM. He had been a resident of Columbia the past 16 years.

He was born Sept. 25, 1940, in Bluffton to Morrison D. and Nellie Olean Ormsby Bachelor. He was a 1958 graduate of Bluffton High School.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon (Zalac) Bachelor; a daughter, Ann (Bachelor) Vossekuil of Grand Forks, N.D.; a son, Donald H. Bachelor of Boiling Springs, S.C.; a brother, James R. Bachelor of Prattville, Ala.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in Bluffton with Rev. Walter Graeflin officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. A Masonic service will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, followed by an Elks service at 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery with military graveside honors by the United States Army Honor Guard and Bluffton American Legion Post #111. Preferred memorials are to The Children of Fallen Soldiers Fund.

Colleen A. Martin, 73

Colleen A. Martin, 73, of Zanesville died Friday, Feb. 17, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Martin was a designer at Sandpoint Florist and was involved in various other business activities, including Zanesville Farmers Mill.

Colleen Martin

She was born Oct. 22, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Argend and Aline Eichhorn Denney. She attended Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Dan (Paula) Moore of Ossian; two sons, Doug Jacobs of Augusta, Wis., and Scott Martin of Auburn, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Roger (Diana) Norris of Zanesville; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Paul Jacobs in 1955; and her second husband, Fred Martin in 1994.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian, with Pastor Gary Aupperle officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one-half hour prior to services on Wednesday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Hoverstock Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Hope Missionary Youth Wing Building Fund.

Anna Laura Slater, 85

Anna Laura Slater, 85, of Bluffton died at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Slater worked at Caylor-Nickel Hospital for around 40 years and served as Director of Nursing for many years. A Lutheran Nursing School graduate, she also attended Manchester College.

Anna Slater

She was a member of Retired Nursing Group from Caylor-Nickel Hospital and an honorary member of Caylor-Nickel Foundation. Mrs. Slater also was a member of Psi Iota Xi and First United Methodist Church.

Born Dec. 2, 1920, in Wells County to Earl J. and Linnie (Bronner) Fluke, she was a 1938 graduate of East Union High School. Her marriage on Dec. 19, 1942, in Wells County was to Denver P. Slater, who preceded her in death on Sept. 24, 1999.

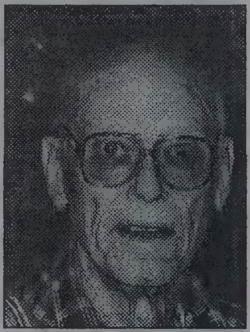
Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Geoff (Diane S.) Foughty of Bluffton, two sons, Michael D. Slater of Fort Wayne and Tom Slater of Urbana, Ohio; a sister, Francis Smith of Roanoke; a brother, Jacob Fluke of Bluffton; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Elizabeth Walker.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Services are at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Kent Ringger officiating.

Burial will be in Hoverstock Cemetery, Zanesville. Preferred memorials are to the Caylor-Nickel Foundation.

Leroy E. Endsley, 80

A resident of United Methodist Memorial Home, Leroy E. Endsley, 80, died at 2:40 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, 2006.


Leroy Endsley

Mr. Endsley spent most of his life in the Van Buren area and was a retired farmer.

He was a member of the Black Creek Conservation Club, Grant County Farmer Bureau, and a former assistant director of the coliseum at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. today at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, Van Buren.

Burial was in Gardens of Memory at Marion.

Pearl W. Magnor, 98

Pearl W. Magnor, 98, of Warren died at 7:15 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006, at United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren.

Mrs. Magnor had been a legal secretary in Chicago, retiring in 1970. She moved to Warren from St. Petersburg, Fla., and entered the United Methodist Memorial Home in 1983.

Services are at 2 p.m. Wednesday at United Methodist Memorial Home, with calling one hour prior to services.

Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown and Son Chapel, Warren, is in charge of the arrangements.

THE NEWS-BANNER
February 22 2006 Bluffton, Indiana

William A. Imel, 82

William A. "Bill" Imel, 82, of Portland died Monday evening, Feb. 20, 2006, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Imel worked for Portland Ready Mix and Hubbard Milling, both of Portland, and retired from Gripco of Montpelier. Also, he served in the U.S. Army and retired Nov. 1, 1963, after 20 years.

He was a member of Portland American Legion Post #211, the Portland D.A.V. and the V.F.W. of Kendallville.

Born June 18, 1923, in Jay County, he was the son of Russell G. and Marie (Harness) Imel.

Survivors include a son, John H. Imel of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a sister, Regana E. Galloway of Bradenton, Fla.; two brothers, Carl R. Imel and Gene F. Imel, both of rural Portland; and a granddaughter, Jenny Milligan of Bluffton.

Services are at 7 p.m. Friday in the Portland Chapel of Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home with Pastor Hugh Kelly officiating. Cremation will follow and burial of the cremains will be in Antioch Cemetery, southeast of Portland, at the convenience of the family.

Calling is from 2 p.m. until the time of services at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

The Portland American Legion will be in charge of military rites.

Gene D. Miller, 72

Gene D. Miller, 72, of Dunkirk died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, at Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie.

Mr. Miller is a former Franklin Electric Co. employee, retiring in 1994. He also worked 31 years at Indiana Glass in Dunkirk in the hand shop.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post #227 in Dunkirk, the Dunkirk Moose Lodge, union Local #107, and union Local #802 of Franklin Electric.

Born on March 6, 1933, in Trenton, Ind., he was a son of Gerald and Leatha (Dale) Miller.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva "Peggy" E. Miller of Dunkirk; four daughters, Kristie Miller of Bluffton, Karolynn Hicks of Dunkirk, Mrs. Steven (Martha Susan) Bantz of Roanoke and Mrs. James (Kathleen) Sliger of Sapulpa, Okla.; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Jim (Vicky) Marcum of Eaton; four stepsons, Wayne McCallister of Dunkirk, Danny McCallister of Sarasota, Fla., Greg McCallister of Portland and Randy McCallister of Marion; a sister, Doris Farlow of Columbus, Ohio; 20 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Gene Miller

He was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Strange.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at M.J.S. Mortuaries-D.W. Jones Chapel in Dunkirk.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Dunkirk I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Military graveside services will be conducted by American Legion Post #227.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Bessie Guzman Zamora, 74

Bessie Guzman Zamora, 74, of Craigville died at 9:54 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A housewife, she was born March 28, 1931, in San Sabas, Texas, to Porfidio and Victoria Vasquez Garcia.

Her marriage in 1996 in Bluffton was to Miguel Zamora, who preceded her in death in January 2006.

Survivors include stepchildren Mrs. Jim (Amelia) Guttierez of Marion and Molly Zamora, Fred Zamora and Michael Zamora, all of Decatur; a sister, Mrs. Juan (Martina) Gonzales of San Sabas; five grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Bessie Zamora

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ben Guzman in 1979; a sister; and two brothers.

Services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with Fr. Dale Bauman officiating.

Calling is from 10 a.m. until the time of services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery.

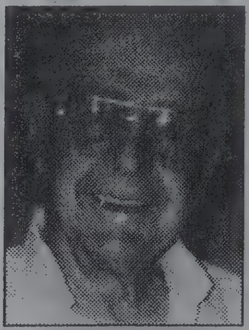
Preferred memorials are to the Cancer Society or the Diabetes Association.

Joe H. Compton, 80

Joe H. Compton, 80, a resident of Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center, died at 10:24 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Compton had been a self-employed truck driver and welder. He was a U.S. Army veteran with service during World War II, and he had been a resident of Wells County most of his life.

Born March 14, 1925, in Mt. Vernon, Ill., to Henry and Edith Rose (Palmer) Compton, his marriage in November 1959 in Fort Wayne was to Eileen Schlagenhauf, who preceded him in death on March 2, 1996.


Joe Compton

Survivors include a stepdaughter, Mrs. Tony (LuAnn) Garton of Bluffton, two stepsons, Richard Reiff of LaGrange and William Reiff of Goshen; a sister, Colleen McCormick of Murray; and several nieces and nephews, including Peggy Blevins, who was Mr. Compton's caregiver for more than four years.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Louise Jines and Nellie Compton; and five brothers, John Compton, Delbert Compton, Clarence "Hap" Compton, Bob Compton and Lewis Compton.

There is no calling or services. Private burial of the cremains will be in Gearnand Cemetery, Reiffsburg.

Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

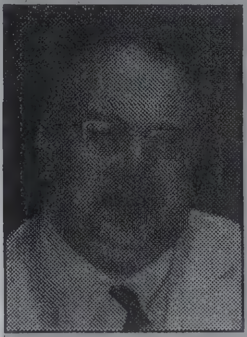
Brian L. Higginbottom, 46

A former Bluffton resident, Brian L. Higginbottom, 46, of Lafayette died at 12:59 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Mr. Higginbottom was employed as an associate engineer at Catapillar since 1996. He was an accomplished musician and was active in several bands, including Vagaband, Hot Club of Colfax, and Guitars for Lunch. He had resided in Lafayette since 1983.

He was a graduate of Bluffton High School and attended Indiana University. He earned an associates degree in electrical technology from Ivy Tech.

Born July 15, 1959, in Des Moines, Iowa, he was a son of Arthur J. and Janice K. (Miller) Higginbottom. His marriage on Aug. 7, 1982, in Lafayette was to Jennifer L. Mann, who survives.


Brian Higginbottom

Survivors include two daughters, Xoe Caroline and Grace Meredith Higginbottom, both at home; a sister, Mrs. Scott (Barbara) Mossburg of rural Bluffton; and a brother, Jeffery Higginbottom of Bluffton.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hippensteel Funeral Home, Lafayette. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to Indiana Fiddlers' Gathering.

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February 24 2006
Bluffton, Indiana

Eva W. Thrasher, 89

Eva W. Thrasher, 89, of Bluffton died at 6:35 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Thrasher was a homemaker and also worked 10 years as a cook at Meadowvale Care Center.

Eva Thrasher

Born Jan. 29, 1917, in Albany, Ky., she was a daughter of Otha and Easter (Huddleston) Carter. Her marriage on July 14, 1932, in Clinton County, Ky., was to Joe Edgar Thrasher, who preceded her in death on June 14, 1970.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Herndon and Mrs. Jim (Kathie) Purvis, both of Bluffton, Mrs. Mary "Becky" Stockton of Albany, Ky., and Mrs. Buck (Sue) Confer of Summer Shade, Ky.; four sons, Steve Thrasher of Bluffton, Otha Thrasher of Hoopeston, Ky., Jack Thrasher of Rossville, Ill., and John Thrasher of Burkesville, Ky.; a brother, Glen Carter of Burkesville; 21 grandchildren; 19 stepgrandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; 27 stepgreat-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Bill Thrasher and Bob Thrasher; a stepson, James A. Thrasher; a sister, Anna Sue Carter; a brother, Vach Carter; four grandchildren; and one step-grandchild.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Talbott Funeral Home in Albany, Ky.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Brother Melvin Daniel officiating. There is also calling one hour prior to services on Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Tuggle Cemetery, Clinton County, Ky.

Goodwin Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

Teairra Marie Overla, Infant

A nearly two-month-old infant, Teairra Marie Overla, died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at her residence in Hartford City of complications of heart problems.

She was born Dec. 29, 2005, in Muncie to Michael Lee Overla and Jennifer Marie Townsend.

Services are at 2 p.m. Sunday at Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City. Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday and from noon until the time of services Sunday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Hartford City Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Guardian Angel Hospice.

THE NEWS-BANNER
February 25 2006
Bluffton, Indiana

Arthur Lee Gordon, 76

A Wells County native, Arthur Lee Gordon, 76, of Fletcher, N.C., died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, in a local hospital there.

Mr. Gordon had been a senior systems analyst for Franklin Electric. He had retired after more than 40 years of service. He was a member of the Chapel Hill Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Markle.

Born in Bluffton, he was a son of Robert Ray Gordon and Carrie Alice Foster Gordon.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene Slagel Gordon of Fletcher; two daughters Terrie Gordon of Fort Wayne and Tamara Gordon of Asheville, N.C.; a son, Timothy Gordon of Burnsville, N.C.; a stepson, Robin Cody of Fort Wayne; a brother, Alfred Gordon of Bluffton; 10 grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jean Ann Dishon; and two sons, Arthur Alan Gordon and Jeff Gordon.

There is no calling or services. Groce Funeral Home, Arden, N.C., is in charge of the arrangements.

Helen L. Schmidt, 88

A former Montpelier resident, Helen L. Schmidt, 88, died at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at Bradner Village Health Care, Marion.

Mrs. Schmidt was a 1935 graduate of Montpelier High School and a former member of Alethia Chapter #206 Order of the Eastern Star of Montpelier.

She was a member of First Baptist Church, Montpelier, and she also attended Sunnycrest United Methodist Church, Marion.

Helen Schmidt

Born Oct. 3, 1917, in Boynton, Okla., to Ora Ellis Irwin and Thresia Mae (McDorman) Irwin, her marriage on Dec. 14, 1935, in Crown Point, Ill., was to John R. Schmidt, who survives and resides in Marion.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Dean (Jeannine) Garrett of Montpelier; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Larry L. Schmidt; and three brothers, Bill Irwin, Harold Irwin and Arthur Irwin.

Services are at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier, with Dr. Tom Mansbarger officiating.

Calling is from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Needham Story & Wapner North Chapel, Marion. There is also calling from 12:30 until the time of services on Wednesday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Montpelier.

Thomas H. Garver, 77

Thomas H. Garver, 77, of Ossian died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Garver retired from the maintenance department at Lutheran Hospital in 1992.

Born on Dec. 18, 1928, in Hartford City, he was a son of H. Dewey and Cecile M. Schmidt Garver. His marriage on Aug. 2, 1953, in Hartford City was to Patricia A. Tudor Garver, who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Tom (Pam E.) Nahrwold and Jody L. Gearhart, both of Ossian; two sisters, Norma Jean Gillom of Springfield, Ill., and Barbara Jones of Jones, Mich.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian, with Pastor Victor Kolch officiating. A graveside service will follow at 2 p.m. Wednesday at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Hartford City.

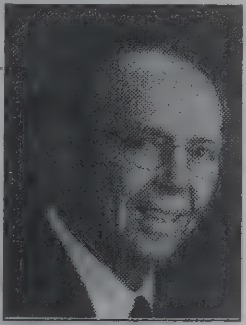
Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services on Wednesday, all at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Hemophilia Foundation.

Clyde S. Miller, 85

Clyde S. "Barney" Miller, 85, died Sunday morning, Feb. 26, 2006, at his home in Markle.

Mr. Miller had been a lifelong self-employed farmer. He was a sergeant in the Army with service during World War II. His unit was attached to the 8th Air Force handling reclamation and repair of aircraft. He was a member of Liberty Center Methodist Church.



Clyde Miller

Born Feb. 28, 1920, in Huntington County, he was a son of Lewis F. and Edith (Shriner) Miller. His first wife, Betty Jean Eby Miller, died Jan. 10, 1999, after 53 years of marriage.

He second marriage, on Nov. 25, 2000, in Markle was to Mary Smith Miller, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. John (Penny) Collins of Marengo, Ill.; a son, Jerry Allen Miller of Bluffton; stepchildren Phillip Smith of Markle, Fred Smith of Ossian, Jeff Smith of Indianapolis and Keith Smith of Bluffton; siblings Charles Miller of Markle and Pearl Miller of Bluffton; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; 12 stepgrandchildren; and 17 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Zelma Forrest; and a brother, Kenneth Miller.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Bard officiating.

Calling is from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Emmanuel Cemetery, Rockford. Military graveside services will be conducted by American Legion Post #111, Bluffton. Preferred memorials are to the Liberty Center Church Building Fund.

Rose A. Goodman, 86

A sister of Vida and Tressie Stair of Bluffton, Rose A. Goodman, 86, of Goshen died at 12:25 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Goodman was a co-founder of World Missionary Press Inc., and she spent 16 years, along with her husband, in missionary service in South Africa. Earlier, she had been a public school teacher in Poneto.

She was born Jan. 19, 1920, near Plymouth to Harry C. and Lillie (Beyler) Stair. Her marriage on Aug. 30, 1943, in Plymouth was George D. Watson Goodman, who preceded her in death on Jan. 28, 2002.

Survivors, in addition to the sisters in Bluffton, include two daughters, Mrs. Jerry (Ruth E.) Johnson of South Bend and Mrs. Jay (Victoria R.) Benson of New Paris; two sons, Donald W. Goodman of Aurora, Ill., and Harry W. Goodman of Goshen; another sister, Mrs. Robert (Vera) Klatt of Plymouth; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia; and two brothers, Victor and Raymond Stair.

Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday, at First Church of God, Goshen, with Dr. John Moran officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home and one hour prior to the memorial service Wednesday at the church.

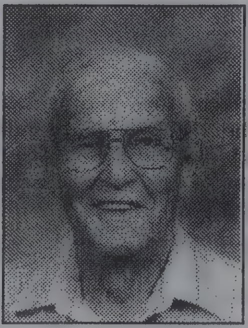
Burial will be in Violett Cemetery, Goshen.

Preferred memorials are to World Missionary Press Inc. or to Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion.

Theodore R. Ireton, 99

Theodore R. "Ted" Ireton, 99, of Ossian died Friday, Feb. 24, 2006.

Mr. Ireton was retired as owner and operator of Leland's Bakery. The Ohio native was a longtime Fort Wayne resident and was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church.


Ireton

Survivors include a daughter, Betty McGrath of Ossian; a stepson, Garland D. Boyd of Ossian; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ethel M. Ireton, and a great-grandson.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens. Preferred memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church.

Lora J. Riesen, 56

Lora J. Riesen, 56, of rural Vera Cruz, died at 3:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born Nov. 3, 1949, in Bluffton to Franklin E. and Joan M. Wenger Clanin, she married Douglas R. Riesen in Bluffton in August of 1972. The parents and husband survive.

Lora J. Riesen

A member of Calvary Lutheran Church, she was a 16-year employee of Wells County Head Start and had served the past two years as education director of the Adams County Boys & Girls Club.

Additional survivors include sons Jason and Brian, both of Bluffton; daughter Mrs. Rick (Amy) Douglas of Bluffton; sisters Mrs. Randal (Lana) Taylor, Bluffton, and Mrs. Frank (Leslie) Bruebaker of Plymouth; and two grandchildren.

Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday under the direction of Rev. Tom Bradley, will be held at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, with burial to follow at Six Mile Cemetery.

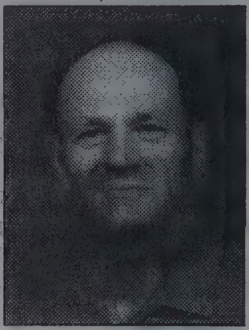
Calling at the funeral home will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials may be made to the Boys and Girls Club.

Stuart R. Klefeker, 75

Stuart R. Klefeker, 75, of Bluffton, died at his residence at 6:20 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, June 12, 1930, to Robert Sr. and Ada Riegle Klefeker, his marriage to the former Sharlee M. Fate took place in Wells County Oct. 27, 1951.


Stuart Klefeker

A truck driver for the Indiana Department of Transportation for 25 years, retiring in 1994, he served in the Indiana Air National Guard 122nd Fighter Squad and was a member of the American Legion Post 111.

In addition to his wife he is survived by a brother, Robert L. Klefeker Jr., Saluda, N.C.

A sister, Joan Conner, and a brother, Walter Klefeker, predeceased him.

Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Grove Cemetery east of Poneto will be under the direction of Rev. Annett Baker. American Legion Post 111 will be holding graveside services.

There will be no calling. Memorials may be made to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana and Flanagan's Girls & Boys Town.

Lavona M. Myers, 80

A former executive director at the Senior Center in Huntington, Lavona M. Myers, 80, died at 8:20 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren.

Mrs. Myers was executive director at the Senior Center in Huntington for 11 years. She also worked several years at the Red Cross.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence F. Myers of Warren.

Services are at 4 p.m. Thursday at United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren, with Rev. Edwin Clark officiating.

Calling is from 2:30 p.m. until the time of services Thursday at United Methodist Memorial Home.

Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery, Warren.

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Opal R. Sieber-Dill, 92

Opal R. Sieber-Dill, 92, of Rock Creek Twp., Huntington County, died at Adams Memorial Hospital Saturday, Feb. 25, from injuries suffered in a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Ind. 116 and Ind. 218 in Adams County.

Born April 6, 1913 in Shelby Gap, Ky., to Enoch and Josephine Bentley Potter, her first marriage was to Lee Seiber, who preceded her in death in 1960. She then married Orville Fulton in 1973 and he preceded her in death in 1985. She married Harry C. Dill in 1990. He died from injuries suffered in the same car accident.

A 20-year employee of Anchor-Hocking Glass in Winchester, she was a member of the Heritage Church of Christ in Huntington.

Opal Dill

She is survived by four sons, Gene Seiber of Anderson, Douglas Seiber of New Paris, Ohio, Kenneth Seiber of Winchester, and Royce Seiber of Camby; three daughters, Mrs. Norman (Ollie) Glass of Union City, Mrs. Jack (Mary) Phillips of Lynn, and Mrs. Jon (Alice) Brausa of Brownsville; a sister, Cloie Boyd of Shelby Gap, Ky., 33 grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, more than 60 great-grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, James Gary Sieber in 2000, a daughter, Norma Lee Adams in 2002; five sisters, Ollie Sanders, Cora Childers, Celesta Potter, Eura Moore and Pearl Potter; and six brothers, Roosevelt, Everett, John Vent, Sylvan, Cameron P. and Grady Potter.

Services at 11 a.m. Thursday will be under the direction of Elders Jerry Bailey and Royce Evans and evangelist Jerry Sills, at Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel.

Additional services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Winchester Church of Christ with minister Tim Hall officiating.

Burial will follow at Fountain Park Cemetery in Winchester.

There are two sets of calling hours. The first will be held at Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. The second will be at the Winchester Church of Christ Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Winchester Church of Christ or the Heritage Church of Christ.

Merrill L. 'Archie' Archbold, 76

Merrill L. "Archie" Archbold, 76, of Bluffton, died at 8:20 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at Ossian Health Care.

Born May 5, 1929, to Lotus and Beaulah Lake Archbold, he married the former Norma J. Millington Dec. 11, 1965, in Bluffton.

Archie Archbold

A Korean War veteran and a member of the Bluffton American Legion Post 111, he retired from Blount Industries in 1988 after 25 years of service.

Survivors include a son, Keith, of Bluffton; four daughters, Mrs. Paul (Susan) Thomas, Becky Welsh and Nancy Archbold, all of Bluffton, and Mrs. Leroy (Elizabeth) Conner of Decatur; a sister, Mrs. Don (Patricia) J. Myers, Bluffton; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday will be at Goodwin Memorial Chapel under the direction of Pastor Chad Clark. Burial will follow at Markle Cemetery with the American Legion in charge of graveside services.

Calling from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday will be at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Bluffton Wesleyan Chapel.

Harry C. Dill, 85

A resident of Rock Creek Twp. in Huntington County, Harry C. Dill, 85, died in a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Ind. 116 and Ind. 218 in Adams County Saturday afternoon, Feb. 25, 2006.

Born July 11, 1920, in Rock Creek Twp. to Harry and Faye Nancy Crull Dill, he was a 1938 graduate of West Rock Creek High School. A former member of the Majenica United Methodist Church, he was currently a member of the Heritage Church of Christ. He was a longtime member of the Markle Lodge #453 F&AM and current member of the Bluffton Lodge #145 of F&AM and a member of the Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne.

Harry Dill

His first marriage was to Ethel L. Wisener Dec. 6, 1958, in Winchester. She preceded him in death Aug. 2, 1987. His second marriage was to Opel Potter Seiber in 1990. She died of injuries suffered in the same car accident.

He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, George in 1990, and Maurice in 1999, and an infant sister, Gladys.

Services at 11 a.m. Thursday will be at Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel with Elders Jerry Bailey and Royce Evans and Evangelist Jerry Sills officiating. Burial will follow at Star of Hope Cemetery.

Calling at the funeral home will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Masonic services will be held at the funeral home by Bluffton Lodge #145.

Memorials may be made to the Heritage Church of Christ.

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Tamara 'Mara' Robles, 25

The wife of a former Wells County resident, Tamara Sue "Mara" (Koebbe) Robles, 25, died unexpectedly Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Highland, Ill.

Mrs. Robles was employed at Boeing, St. Louis, Mo., and was a U.S. Navy veteran.

She was born June 30, 1980, in Belleville, Ill., and she formerly resided in Cahokia, Ill.

Survivors include her husband, Joshua W. Robles of Highland, Ill., a graduate of Southern Wells High School; children Alisa Marie and Elija Anthony Robles, both at home; her father, William Koebbe of Cahokia, Ill.; her mother, Anne (Michael) Olish of Cahokia, Ill.; a brother, Joshua Koebbe of Fairview Heights, Ill.; two stepbrothers, Geoff Olish of Cahokia, Ill., and Mike Olish of St. Louis, Mo.; and Joshua's parents, Tony and Cammie Robles of Bluffton.

Services were held Friday, Feb. 24, at Braun Colonial Funeral Home, Cahokia, Ill., with Joshua's father, Rev. Tony Robles officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo.

Virgil W. Moore, 71

Virgil W. Moore, 71, of Hartford City died at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at Americare Living Center, Hartford City.

Mr. Moore was a public accountant for many years in Hartford City. He attended First Baptist Church in Montpelier.

Born Dec. 16, 1934, in Minot, N.D., he was a son of Orville Moore and Bessie (Wray) Moore Blocher.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. John (Amy) Pontius, of Montpelier, Mrs. Karl (Ann) Moyer of Anderson and Angela McNamara of Warren; two sisters, Doris Cripe of North Manchester and Leona Smith of Warsaw; three brothers, Charles Moore of Modesto, Calif., Larry Moore of Satsuma, Fla., and Arlyn Moore of Ceres, Calif.; his former spouse, Jean Moore of Hartford City; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, David Moore; a sister, Flora Hunsley; a brother, Ellery Moore; his stepfather, Roy Blocher; and a granddaughter.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier, with Pastor Darrin Morgan officiating.

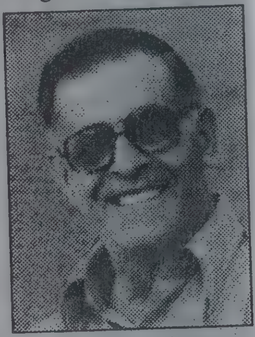
Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services on Thursday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Montpelier.

Walter W. Pickle, 83

Walter W. Pickle, 83, a resident of Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center, died at 10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Pickle had been an oven tender at Sterling Casting, retiring in 1988 after 31 years of service. He had been a resident of Wells County for more than 50 years.



Walter Pickle

Born Nov. 15, 1922, in Groseclose, Va., he was a son of Leonard Earl and Rosa Lee (Musser) Pickle. His marriage on Aug. 13, 1955, in Bristol, Tenn., was to Naomi Newman, who survives.

Other survivors include a stepdaughter, Mrs. David (Vernie) Campbell of Loveland, Colo.; a stepson, Joseph C. Havens of Fremont, Ohio; four sisters, Mrs. Mae Smith of Rural Retreat, Va., Mrs. Bonnie Brown of Sugar Grove, Va., Mrs. Vivian Dillon of Pleasant Garden, N.C., and Mrs. Grace Wood of Riner, Va.; a brother, Earlie Pickle of Davisonville, Md.; and two stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Lloyd Pickle, Garnett Pickle and Roy Pickle.

Services are at 2 p.m. Thursday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with Pastor Wayne Ball officiating.

Calling is from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Paul W. Hilsmier, 88

Paul W. Hilsmier, 88, of Ossian died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hilsmier worked 41 years for Eckrich, retiring in 1978 as a foreman. He was a member of First Church of Christ in Bluffton.

He was born March 28, 1917, in Ossian to Ernest and Glenna (Quackenbush) Hilsmier. His marriage on Nov. 24, 1938, in Ossian was to Monice K. (Anderson) Hilsmier who preceded him in death on March 9, 1993.

Survivors include a daughter, Janice Springer of Fort Wayne; a son, Ron Hilsmier of Marshfield, Wis.; a sister, Mrs. Norm (Carolyn) Lipp of Ossian; a brother, Gene Hilsmier of Calabash, N.C.; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter; a brother, Edwin Hilsmier; and an infant great-grandson.

Services are at 1 p.m. Friday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian, with Rev. Larry Sprinkle officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services on Friday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton. Preferred memorials are to donor's choice.

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Frances Jeanette Fredrick, 61

The mother of Mike Fredrick of Bluffton, Frances Jeanette Fredrick, 61, of Manchester, Tenn., died Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, as the result of an automobile accident.

Mrs. Fredrick was a medical technician at Harton Regional Medical Center in Tullahoma. She worked for Caylor-Nickel for 30 years before moving to Manchester in 1998.

A native of Tracy City, she was a daughter of Leanord Mckinley Gibbs and Dorothy Jane Smith Gibbs.

Survivors, in addition to the son in Bluffton, include her husband, Keener J. Fredrick of Manchester; two other sons, Bruce Fredrick of Manchester and John Fredrick of Villa Reca, Ga.; three sisters, Mrs. Dewey (Jesse L.) Fredrick, Mrs. Charles (Gladys M.) Wright and Mrs. James (Debra L.) Taylor; three brothers, James C. Gibbs, Robert C. Gibbs and Morris W. Gibbs; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, E.L. Gibbs.

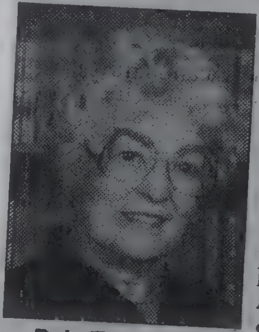
Services were held Thursday, Feb. 23, at Grace Baptist Church in Manchester with Brother Frank Bell officiating.

Burial was in Shady Grove Cemetery.

Lois 'Dale' Townsend, 94

Lois "Dale" Townsend, 94, of rural Hartford City died at 11:36 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at Blackford Community Hospital, Hartford City.

Mrs. Townsend had worked as a secretary at Bonham Insurance and the Blackford County Auditor's Office, and she was also a homemaker. She was a graduate of Hartford City High School and she attended First Christian Church in Hartford City.



Dale Townsend

Born July 7, 1911, in Blackford County, she was a daughter of Charles and Otie May (Leonard) Egly. She was married in Blackford County to Howard Townsend, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include three grandchildren, including Mrs. Terry (Cathy) Leas of Montpelier; five great-grandchildren, including Amber Snider of Bluffton; five great-great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharron D. Towne; three sisters, Amie Baker, Dorta Monroe and Lucille Meyer; and a brother, Thomas Egly.

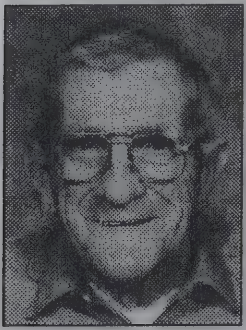
Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier.

Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Darren Williams officiating.

Burial will be in Hartford City Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Richard C. Coppess, 74

Richard C. Coppess, 74, formerly of Monroe, died Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at his residence in Decatur.



Richard Coppess

Mr. Coppess was owner/operator of Coppess Corner. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in Korea.

He was a member of the VFW and American Legion Post #43. He attended Monroe United Brethren in Christ Church.

Born July 19, 1931, in Coldwater, Mich., he was a son of Calvin and Marie (Jones) Coppess. His marriage on Dec. 31, 1953, was to Ruth Faus, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Chris (Karen A.) Loshe of Decatur; a son, Franklin R. Coppess of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Jean Colter, and a brother.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur. Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Rev. Barry Humble officiating.

Burial will be in Ray Cemetery with military graveside rites by American Legion Post #43. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or Monroe United Brethren in Christ Church.

Claude Schlagenhauf Sr., 95

A Wells County native, Claude Schlagenhauf Sr., 95, of Gastonia, N.C., died Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at his residence.

Mr. Schlagenhauf retired as director of industrial relations and safety from Akers Motor Lines after 41 years of service in various positions.

Claude Schlagenhauf

Born on Aug. 14, 1910, in Wells County, he was a son of Fred and Viola Mae Warner Schlagenhauf.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Lois High Schlagenhauf of Gastonia; daughters Gretchen E. Turas of Belwood, N.C. and Mrs. Robert (Claudette) Forbes of Gastonia; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Elizabeth "Bette" Ellen Gibson; a son, Claude "Skip" Schlagenhauf; a sister, Marie Neusbaum; and brothers Dale, Joe, Frederick and Ralph Schlagenhauf.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Gastonia, with Dr. William Medlin and Rev. C.B. Barr officiating. Visitation will follow in the Family Life Center. Additional calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton.

Burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Living Waters Methodist Church Cemetery, Linn Grove. In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to First United Methodist Church, Gastonia, or Shriners Hospital for Children, Greenville, S.C. McLean Funeral Directors of Gastonia is also assisting the family.

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Roger Bracht, 68

A former rural Bluffton resident, Roger Bracht, 68, of Taswell, Ind., died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, from an accident at his home when a tree fell on him.

Mr. Bracht was a retired machine operator for Zollner Corp. in Fort Wayne. He was a Marine veteran and was a member of Hillview Christian Church and Emmaus Community.

Born on Aug. 27, 1937, in Wells County, he was a son of Irvin and Inez Myers Bracht. He was married on Dec. 31, 1983, to Florence Alday Bracht, who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Julie Swisher of Bluffton and Tammy Miller of Louisville, Ky.; three sons, Scott Bracht and Steve Bracht, both of Bluffton, and John James of Noblesville; two sisters, Becky Dirig of Wolcottville and Barbara Ginter of Lakeland, Fla.; a brother, Richard Bracht of Wilmington, Ohio; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are at 1 p.m. Friday at Hillview Christian Church, English, Ind., with Rev. Richard Bracht Jr. and Rev. Bobby Kelly officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Denbo Funeral Home, English, and from 11 a.m. until the time of services Friday at the church.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Grove Cemetery, east of Poneto. Preferred memorials are to The Gideons International.

Betty V. Lewis, 86

Betty V. Lewis, 86, of Warren died at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren.

Mrs. Lewis was a dietary supervisor at United Methodist Memorial Home. She also was a homemaker and farmer.

A resident of the Warren area most of her life, she attended Warren United Methodist Church. She has lived at the United Methodist Memorial Home since Jan. 2, 1995.

Born on March 24, 1919, in Hartford City to Bert and Minnie (Elliott) Thornburg, she was a 1937 graduate of Hartford City High School. Her marriage on Dec. 31, 1937, in Anderson was to Earl E. Lewis, who preceded her in death on Aug. 24, 1975.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Vera Connelly and Janella Thornburg; and a brother, Von Thornburg.

Graveside services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hartford City Cemetery with Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. There is no calling.

Preferred memorials are to the Ivy Tech Community College Scholarship Fund for Office Administration Students. Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren, is in charge of the arrangements.

David A. Butler, 50

David A. Butler, 50, died at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at his residence in Warren.

Mr. Butler had worked at Pathfinders in Huntington. He was the official bell ringer of the United Church of Christ in Warren. He had attended the Village School in Huntington.

Born Sept. 9, 1955, in New Albany, he was a son of Thomas A. and Patricia A. Butler. His mother survives and resides in Warren.

He also is survived by a sister, Becky A. Butler of Warren.

Calling is from noon to 8:30 p.m. Friday at United Church of Christ, Warren.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with Pastor Charles Dye Jr. and Robert Priest officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren. Preferred memorials are to the United Church of Christ, Warren. Glancy Funeral Home, Warren, is in charge of the arrangements.

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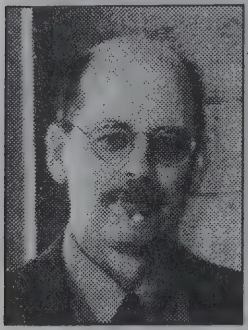
Kent A. Kirkwood, 55

Kent A. Kirkwood, 55, of rural Montpelier died at 1:15 a.m. Thursday, March 2, 2006, at Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center. He had been in failing health the past 10 months.


Kent Kirkwood

Mr. Kirkwood had started work at Franklin Electric Co. in 1969 and had a 35-year career there. He also served in the Indiana National Guard for seven years.

He was a Wells County resident most of his life. He attended Oak Chapel Church, Roll.

Born July 5, 1950, in Bluffton, he was a son of Dale L. and Genivee C. (Frantz) Kirkwood. He was a 1968 graduate of Southern Wells High School. His marriage on July 6, 1974, in Warsaw was to Linda C. Johnson, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Tod A. Kirkwood and Chad J. Kirkwood, both of Fort Wayne; and a twin sister, Mrs. Jim (Karol) Scott of Berne.

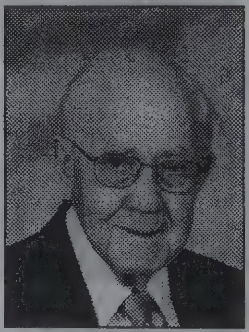
Services are at 11 a.m Tuesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with Pastor Alex "Al" Soultz officiating.

Calling is from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to services on Tuesday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Pennville. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Harry L. Allen, 94

A former Wells County-area resident, Harry L. Allen, 94, died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, in Llano, Texas.


Harry Allen

Mr. Allen had been an accountant, and he attended First Baptist Church in Kingsland, Texas. He also was a former Warsaw, Ind., resident.

Born Jan. 8, 1912, in Alexandria, Ind., he was a son of Charles and Bessie (Roby) Allen. His marriage on Feb. 24, 1945, in Indianapolis was to Myrl Dene Riggs, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Martin (Judy) Cassano of Austin, Texas; and a brother, Roy Allen of Goshen. He was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Settle.

Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, which is in charge of the local arrangements. Graveside services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Stahl Cemetery.

Otha E. 'Otis' Thrasher, 69

The brother of Steve Thrasher, Myrtle Herndon and Kathie Purvis, all of Bluffton, Otha E. "Otis" Thrasher, 69, of Hoopeston, Ill., died at 9 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2006, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home.

Mr. Thrasher had been employed by Harrison Steel in Attica and John Deere in Hoopeston. He also operated a crane at Berkley-Davis in Danville. He was a member of the Chestnut Street Church of Christ in Hoopeston.

Born on June 18, 1936, in Albany, Ky., he was a son of Joe Edgar and Eva (Carter) Thrasher. His marriage on Dec. 5, 1978, in Hoopeston was to Ruby Norris Cannon who preceded him in death on April 23, 1998.

Survivors, in addition to the siblings in Bluffton, include a daughter, Mrs. Larry (Janice) Pericich of Butte, Mont.; stepdaughters Mrs. Skip (Ruth) Fallowell of Weldon, Ill., Mrs. Wayne (Liz) Rutledge of Wellington, Ill., Teresa Rainwater of Brownsburg and Anita Cannon of Indianapolis; stepsons Robert Cannon of Bloomington, Ill., Charles Cannon of Hoopeston and David Cannon of Salem, Ore.; sisters Becky Stockton of Albany, Ky., and Mrs. Buck (Sue) Confer of Summer Shade, Ky.; brothers Jack Thrasher of Rossville, Ill. and John Thrasher of Summer Shade; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Tina; sons Otis and Keith; and brothers Arnold, Bill and Bob. Also, his mother, Eva Thrasher, 89, of Bluffton died Feb. 23, 2006.

Services were at 11 a.m. today at Chestnut Street Church of Christ, Hoopeston, with Pastor Bud McMasters officiating.

Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston.

Preferred memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arlene Keller, 88

The sister of Lyle Crandall of Bluffton, Arlene Mae Keller, 88, Wapakoneta, Ohio, died at 4:13 a.m. Saturday, March, 4, 2006 at Lima Memorial Health System in Lima, Ohio.

Born in Peru on Jan. 25, 1918 to William and Carolyn Hollester Crandall, she married Melvin E. Simons on Feb. 20, 1938; he died April 5, 1958. She married Edison J. Keller on July 21, 1962; he survives.

A 1936 graduate of Bluffton High School, she was a homemaker, and had also worked at Turner Toy Co. in Wapakoneta. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Wapakoneta, its United Methodist Women, and the Wapakoneta Women's Club.

Other survivors include a son, Dennis Simons of Wapakoneta; two daughters, Joyce Thuman of Wapakoneta and Sandra Wilges of Urbandale, Iowa; seven grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home in Wapakoneta. Calling hours are Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in the Greenlawn Cemetery in Wapakoneta. Preferred memorials are to the church.

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Clyde E. Herring, 87

A resident of Jackson Township, Clyde E. Herring, 87, died at 6:20 a.m. Monday, March 6 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Herring was a carpenter. He was a member of Local Union 615 and had retired in 1983. He attended Warren High School.

Born Aug. 11, 1918, in Wells County to Daniel E. and Rebecca Jane (Bricker) Herring, his marriage on Oct. 10, 1942 in Bluffton was to the former Ruth Booher, who survives.

Clyde E. Herring

Additional survivors are two sons, Bob Herring of Bluffton and Gary Herring of La Fontaine; two daughters, Mrs. Larry (Joyce) Luckey and Mrs. Don (Sherri) Carroll, both of rural Jackson Township; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers, Charles F., Homer L., Wilsie E., Norval M., Levi E., James J., and Kenneth E. Herring, and five sisters, Blanche L. Smith, Lulu M. Huffman, Nora E. Powell, Grace A. Cole and Mabel M. Moriarity.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren with Rev. Ron Herring officiating and burial in the Asbury Cemetery at Montpelier.

Calling at the funeral home will be today from 2 to 8 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to Caylor-Nickel Home Health Care and Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

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Mary E. Stone, 93

A former Bluffton resident, Mary E. Stone, 93, died at 6:55 p.m. Monday, March 6, 2006 at the Markle Health Care Center.

Born in Willshire, Ohio on May 18, 1912 to Isaac L. and Bonnie B. Brookhart Sutton, she married Vernon E. Stone on July 16, 1936 in Ft. Recovery, Ohio; he died May 16, 1961.

She was a telephone operator in Decatur and in Ft. Recovery, retiring in 1973. She attended Bible Methodist Church in Bluffton.

Survivors include a son, Vernon E. Stone II of Poneto; four daughters, Mrs. John (Alice Ann) Van Wagner of Poneto; Mrs. Charles (Bonnie) Clack of Clarksville, Tenn., Mrs. Keith (Cathleen) Moser of Huntington, and Mrs. Rick (Faith) Sprong of Warsaw; a brother, Robert E. Sutton of Findley, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; and 22 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, David Stone and an infant son; two daughters, Elizabeth Bennett and DawnDeNell Buchard; three sisters; three brothers; and three grandchildren.

Calling hours are Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton, and for one hour prior to the service on Friday, which will begin at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. Ernest Plemmons and Rev. Walter Graeflin officiating.

Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery in Ft. Recovery, Ohio. Preferred memorials are to Hospice of NE Indiana and Nazarene World Missions.

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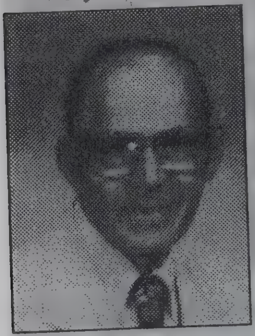
Claude E. Bennett, 80

A lifelong resident of Wells County, Claude Eugene Bennett, 80, of Bluffton died at 2:50 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Mr. Bennett worked 36 years for Franklin Electric Co. He also worked 10 years for C&C Oil gas station and was a custodian for six years for First Church of Christ, where he attended. He was an Army veteran with service during World War II.


Claude Bennett

Born July 14, 1925, in Chester Township, he was a son of Edson and Clara (Goodin) Bennett, and was a Chester Center High School graduate. His marriage on March 17, 1951, in Montpelier was to Carolyn J. Hardin, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Marcia Hernandez of Tampa, Fla.; a son, Michael Bennett of Bluffton; a sister, Mrs. Doyle (Bonnie) Sullivan of Bluffton; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mrs. Ruby Gentis and Cleo Aker; and two brothers, Ralph and Bob Bennett.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with Larry Sprinkle and Mark Dauterman officiating.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services on Saturday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Redman Cemetery, Warren, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 111.

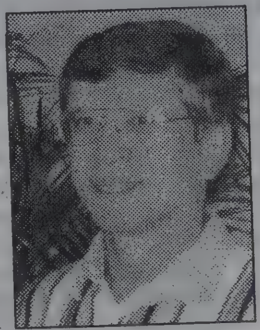
Preferred memorials are to First Church of Christ, Christian Care Retirement Community or Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Christian L. Stauffer, 59

A brother of Steven Stauffer of rural Bluffton, Christian L. Stauffer, 59, died Wednesday, March 1, 2006, in Nairobi, Kenya.

Mr. Stauffer was a missionary with Wycliffe Bible Translators, serving at West Nairobi School. Previously, he and his wife served in Manila, Philippines, at Faith Academy for 12 years. A Decatur native, he also served 15 years as a teacher for FWCS.

He was a member of Brookside Community Church, and he was a graduate of Taylor University and Ball State University.


Christian Stauffer

Survivors, in addition to the brother, include his wife, Hettie; daughters Mrs. Robert (Stacy) Hirschelman of Fort Wayne and Julie Stauffer of Pompano Beach, Fla.; sons Mark Stauffer of Memphis, Tenn., and Gary Stauffer of Fort Wayne; a sister, Erma Beougher of Celina, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

Services are at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Brookside Community Church, Fort Wayne, with Rev. James Pearson officiating.

Calling is from 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to services Sunday at the church.

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Devonna Fern Leas, 76

Devonna Fern Leas, 76, of Warren died at 7:15 a.m. Thursday, March 9, 2006, at United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren.

Mrs. Leas was retired from Appliance Manufacturing Company in Van Buren and Dacra Glass in Montpelier.

Devonna Leas

She was a member of the Jackson Township Home Economics Club, was vice president of the Wells County Farm Bureau, a member of the Star Sunday School Class and had been named a Wells County Homemaker of the Year. She was a member of Dillman United Brethren in Christ Church.

Born on April 3, 1929, in Huntington County, she was a daughter of Ora E. and June (Pinkerton) Campbell, and was a 1947 graduate of Jefferson Twp. High School in Huntington County. Her marriage July 31, 1949, in Jackson Township of Wells County was to Gail Eugene Leas, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. John (Linda) Walters of Marion; two sons, Philip Leas of Poneto and Bruce E. Leas of Montpelier; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Campbell.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren, with Pastor Dick Case and Rev. Lynn Mefferd officiating. Calling also will be held starting one hour prior to the services at United Methodist Memorial Home.

Burial will be in Jones Cemetery, Warren. Preferred memorials are to Dillman United Brethren in Christ Church, rural Warren.

Thelma C. Wyss, 85

Thelma C. Wyss, 85, of Bluffton died at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Mrs. Wyss retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne in 1975 after 30 years of service. A native of Fort Wayne, she moved to Ossian in 1957 and has lived in Bluffton since 1973.

Thelma Wyss

She was a member of the Elex Club, a women's auxiliary of General Electric workers, for many years. A member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church at Yoder, she also was a member of the rosary sodality there.

Born on Feb. 19, 1921, in Fort Wayne, she was a daughter of William and Ceclia (Frickie) Steenman, and graduated from North Side High School. Her marriage on Nov. 4, 1944, was to Jerome A. Wyss who preceded her in death on April 9 1957.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs Donald (Bonnie) White of Cincinnati; a son, Leslie L. "Bucket" Wyss of Ossian a half sister, Mrs. Alphonse (Wendy) Cousin of Fort Wayne; eigh grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mrs. Emil (Celcia) Hegbli; and a brother, Joseph Steenman.

Calling is from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with a rosary service at 6 p.m.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Yoder, with Father Dominique Carboneau officiating.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

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Jerry Huffman, 50, Killed in Wabash County

A Bluffton man died Sunday after apparently falling from his tractor trailer rig near North Manchester in Wabash County.

A native of Wells County, Jerry D. Huffman, of 435 Homestead Ct., suffered trauma injuries in the accident at Dexter Axle, east of North Manchester.

Although reportedly no one witnessed the accident, it is believed Huffman had climbed on top of the load of axles he was about to haul away from the business to make sure they were secure, when he fell.

The 911 call to the Wabash County Sheriff's Department was placed at 12:31 p.m. North Manchester Life Med emergency medical service was the first on the scene and found Huffman lying beside the trailer of the rig.

He was later pronounced deceased by Wabash County coroner Marilyn McDonald.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration officials have been called in to assist with the investigation.

Among survivors of Mr. Huffman, who was a 1974 graduate of Southern Wells High School, is his wife, the former Linda Bailey.

The body was taken to Goodwin Memorial Chapel where funeral rites are pending.

A full obituary notice will appear in Tuesday's News-Banner.

Daniel E. Schaen, 60

The brother of Mrs. Norbert (Jeanne) Ploetz of Craigville, Daniel E. Schaen, 60, of Fort Wayne died at 9:48 p.m. Thursday, March 9, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Daniel Schaen

Mr. Schaen was a general contractor and had been very active in the Habitat for Humanity organization for more than 10 years in Fort Wayne and Cleveland.

He attended Church of God Abrahamic Faith, Fort Wayne. He also had been a volunteer fireman for Russell Township, Cleveland.

Born on Nov. 12, 1945, in Cleveland, he was a son of Michael A. and Vivian B. (Byall) Schaen.

Survivors, in addition to the sister in Craigville, include a brother, Richard T. Schaen of Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Private burial rites will be conducted at Prairie View Cemetery, Tocsin.

A memorial service will be conducted in the spring. Goodwin Memorial Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

Pollie Rhodes, 74

Pollie Rhodes, 74, of Geneva died at 1:29 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2006, at Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center, Bluffton.

Miss Rhodes had managed Briggs Hardware in Geneva for several years.

Born Oct. 27, 1931, in Delight, Ark., she was a daughter of James H. and Cathryn Mary (Brown) Rhodes.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Robert (Juanita) Sauder of Pennville.

She was preceded in death by a brother, James A. Rhodes.

There is no calling or services. Burial will be at a later date in Riverside Cemetery, Geneva.

Preferred memorials are to the Jay County Humane Society or Adams County Home Health.

Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva, is in charge of the arrangements.

Charles R. Foltz, 76

The father of Mrs. Larry (Karyn) Gilly of Bluffton, Charles R. Foltz, 76, of Worthington, died at 4:50 p.m. Sunday, March 5, 2006, at Bloomington Hospital.

Mr. Foltz was a butcher and had worked for Marhoefer's in Muncie; Superior Meats, Canton, Ohio; and Worthington Packing.

He also was a meat cutter for Eavey Market in Muncie and Noels Grocery in Worthington. He was active in the Democratic Party and AFL-CIO and was a former president of the meat cutters union in Muncie.

Born on March 20, 1929, in Anderson, he was a son of Charles and Edith (Rockwell) Foltz.

Survivors, in addition to the daughter in Bluffton, include children Mrs. Dale (Kathie) Cook of Fort Myers, Fla., Charles R. Foltz Jr. of Davie, Fla., Carl R. Foltz of Fort Wayne, Chris R. Foltz of Hendersonville, N.C. and Mark A. Foltz of Topeka, Kan.; a stepdaughter, Connie Goodwin of Muncie; a sister, Mrs. John (Barbara) Slusher of Hamlet; a brother, Robert Foltz of Muncie; his companion of 31 years, Donna Lou Walden; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at Welch & Cornett Funeral Home in Worthington with John Vanderzee officiating. Burial was in Worthington Cemetery.

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Beatrice Stauffer, 90

The sister of three Wells County residents, Beatrice (Cochran) Stauffer, 90, of Celina, Ohio, died at 1 p.m. Monday, March 13, 2006, at the Joint Township District Memorial Hospital in St. Mary.

Mrs. Stauffer was a teacher for many years, including the Chester Center School in Wells County from 1935 to 1938, as well as other locations through 1980.

She also was a homemaker and had taught Sunday School classes and worked with 4-H. She attended St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Celina and was a long-time volunteer with the Family Crisis Network in Mercer Co.

A graduate of Petroleum High School in 1933, she earned degrees from Ball State Teachers College, Ohio Northern University and Wright State University.

Beatrice Stauffer

Born on May 2, 1915, in Wells County, she was a daughter of Edson Nelson and Mary Ethel (Shoemaker) Cochran. Her marriage on August 28, 1938, was to Roger Stauffer, who preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 2005. They were married for more than 67 years.

Survivors include three sons, R. Jay Stauffer of New Bremen, R. Jan Stauffer of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and R. Jerry Stauffer of London; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; two brothers John E. Cochran of Bluffton and Chad Cochran of Petroleum; sisters Mrs. Merrell (Doris Eileen) Hazlett of Texarkana, Texas, and Mrs. Ralph (Virginia) Schaadt of Petroleum.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Lehman-Hogenkamp-Dzendzel Funeral Home in Celina, with Rev. Robert Metheny and John Cochran officiating.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at Greenwood Cemetery, Linn Grove, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Delta Kappa Gamma (Beta Phi) Scholarship Fund, the St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Celina, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Jerry D. Huffman, 50

Jerry D. Huffman, 50, of Bluffton died at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12, 2006, from injuries sustained from an accident at Dexter Axle Co. near North Manchester.

Mr. Huffman was a truck driver for 28 years, including the last one and one-half years for Evans Trucking Co. of Butler.

He was a 1974 graduate of Southern Wells High School and he attended First Church of Christ.

Jerry Huffman

Born on Feb. 19, 1956, in Bluffton, he was a son of Homer and Maralene (Braner) Huffman. His parents survive and reside in Bluffton.

His marriage on June 21, 1975, in Bluffton was to Linda Bailey, who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Abigail Huffman of Fort Wayne and Carrie Huffman of Bluffton; a son, Robert L. Huffman of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Mrs. Brenda Sprunger of Ossian.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Tom Bradley and Larry Sprinkle officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the children.

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Wayne L. 'Mort' Myers, 76

Wayne L. "Mort" Myers, 76, of Bluffton died at 12:05 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Myers worked most of his life in Huntington County, including 25 years for Majenica Tile Company. He attended Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene.

Born on May 12, 1929, in Huntington County, he was a son of Clell and Leeta (Lawrence) Myers, and he was a graduate of Warren High School. His marriage on July 22, 1950, was to Monabell (Williamson) Myers, who preceded him in death on Dec. 2, 1985.

Survivors include two daughters, Mona J. Spencer of Huntington and Mrs. Anthony (Waneta Sue) Hill of Warren; two sons, Harold W. Myers of Nashville, Tenn., and Terry L. Myers of Marion; a sister, Mrs. Robert (Maxine) Martin of Bluffton; three brothers, Donald Myers of Bluffton, Carl Myers of Marion and Clell Myers Jr. of Warren; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Bill Keen officiating. Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington.

John E. Hogan Jr., 77

A former board member of Caylor-Nickel Hospital, John E. Hogan Jr., 77, died Monday, March 13, 2006, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hogan was a trust officer for Lincoln National Bank for 20 years and completed his career in charitable private foundation work with The Olive B. Cole and M.E. Raker Foundations.

In addition to serving as a member of the board of directors of Caylor-Nickel Hospital, he was past president and a board member for Goodwill Industries and served on the advisory board of the Salvation Army. He was a board member for the Fox Island Alliance Board and the Fort Wayne Childrens Zoo.

Survivors include two daughters, Andrea Ty Whiting Ratajczak of Fort Wayne and Cynthia Whiting of San Rafael, Calif.; a son, John T. Hogan of Fort Wayne;

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Adam Henderson officiating.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Preferred memorials are to Turnstone of Fort Wayne.

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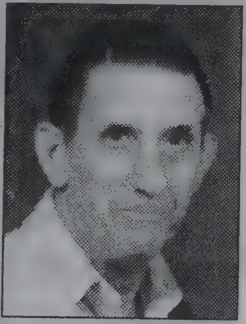
Wayne D. Arivett, 77

Wayne D. Arivett, 77, Bluffton, died at 4:08 a.m. Wed., March 15, 2006 in Marion General Hospital.

Born in Langley, Ark. on Aug. 19, 1928 to Lancy L. and Leselee Brown Arivett, he married Catherine Lash in Huntington on March 15, 1952; she survives.



Wayne Arivett

Mr. Arivett worked at H.K. Porter in Huntington for 35 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving from 1947-1949, and was a fastpitch softball player, manager and coach, leading his team to compete in the World Softball Fastpitch Tournament. He also served as a softball umpire.

Other survivors include two sons, William Arivett of Huntington and Nelson Arivett of Bristol; three daughters, Mrs. Frank (Rebecca) Hutchinson of Joplin, Mo., Mrs. Dennis (Pamela) Mulford of Elkhart and Mrs. Jeffrey (Sandra Lee) Smeltzer of Bluffton; two brothers, Darrell Arivett of Fort Wayne and W. Carlos Arivett of Huntington; five sisters, Patsy Brown and Ruth Thomson, both of Fort Wayne, Kathy Fredericks and Donna Robbins, both of Huntington, and Nelda Rogers of Hartford City; 23 grandchildren; and 23 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Rose Marie Tackett, and a son, David Wayne Arivett.

There will be no visitation or services. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery with graveside rites at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton.

Ardath Miner, 98

Ardath Miner, 98, of rural Bluffton, died at 2:29 a.m. Thursday, March 16, 2006 at Meadowvale Health Care Center.

A native of Wabash County, she was born on Aug. 25, 1907 to Leo and Fay Bickel Gurtner. She married M. Andrew Miner on Oct. 17, 1953 in Angola; he died May 20, 2002.

Ardath Miner

After earning her BS degree at Manchester College and a masters degree at the University of Wisconsin, she taught English in the Wabash County schools, at Southern Wells, Lancaster and at White's Institute. She was a member of the Friends Church in Wabash, and also was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and the National Teachers Society.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Greg (Julia) Maxwell of Bluffton; a son, Steven Miner, also of Bluffton; five grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with Rev. Cindy Osgood officiating. Calling hours are Friday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville.

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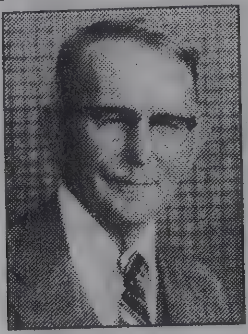
Ner William Wasson, 86

A resident of Lancaster Township for 85 years, Ner William Wasson, 86, of Ossian, died at 6:15 a.m. Saturday, March 18, 2006, at the Warren Methodist Home.

Mr. Wasson was a life-long Lancaster Township farmer and also drove a school bus for Lancaster and Norwell schools for 33 years. He was a1938 graduate of Lancaster School and a member of the Lancaster Chapel United Methodist Church. He participated in Bluffton bowling leagues for many years and was an avid sports fan.


Ner William Wasson

Born May 27, 1919, in Wells County to Lantz Leroy and Edna Mae Clowser Wasson, his marriage in Craigville on May 3, 1938, was to the former Irene Smith, who survives.

Also surviving are six daughters, Mrs. David (Suzanne) Beeler of Camp Verde, Ariz.; Mrs. Rich (Janet) Johnson of Coldwater, Mich.; Mrs. Terry (Rosemary) Renbarger of Swayzee; Mrs. Terry (Rebecca) Tyler of Nappanee; Mrs. Don (Debra) Lockwood of Ossian and Mrs. Larry (Merianne) DeWitt of Scottsburg.

Also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Richard (Marilyn) Gerber of Fairfield Bay, Ark.; 17 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren; six step grandchildren; six step great grandchildren and two step great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Katherine Shady, a granddaughter and a great great granddaughter.

Calling will be at Goodwin Memorial Chapel Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. with funeral services slated Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., at the funeral home.

Officiating at the services will be sons-in-law Rev. Terry Tyler and Rev. Larry DeWitt, with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Lancaster Chapel United Methodist Church.

Wallace Ogle, 70

Graveside services were slated at 2 p.m. today at the Asbury Cemetery in Wells County for former Bluffton resident Wallace Ogle, 70, who died Thursday, March 16, 2006, at the University Nursing Center in Upland.

Born Nov. 18, 1935 in Falcon, Mo., to Clifford and Vergie Reed Ogle, he was a timber buyer in Indiana and Illinois and a member of the Limberlost Coon Hunters' Club in Portland. He attended Full Gospel Light House Church in Dunkirk.

Wallace Ogle

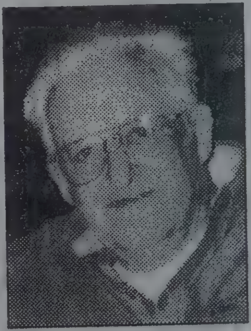
Survivors include a son, Jerry Ogle of Matthews, two daughters, Kim Hammons of Muncie and Mrs. Randall (Vicki) Byers of Upland; three sisters, six brothers, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Pastor Bobby Thomas was to preside at the services with Glancy Funeral Homes, Walker Chapel of Montpelier handling arrangements. Preferred memorials are to the University Nursing Center in Upland.

Dale L. Reineck, 79

Dale L. Reineck, 79, of Bluffton, died at 12:25 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

A native of Bluffton, he was born on Dec. 23, 1926 to Elias and Fannie Meyer Reineck. He married Madelyn Moon on Feb. 20. 1949 in Bluffton; she survives.


Dale Reineck

A 1944 graduate of Bluffton High School, he was a World War II veteran serving in the U.S. Army and was discharged in Oct., 1949. He was a postal carrier for 12 years and a member of the Grover Sheets American Legion Post 111 in Bluffton.

Other survivors include two sons, Jerry "Jake" Reineck of Bluffton and Kit Reineck of Liberty Center; a daughter, Mrs. Jack (Judy) Girod of Bluffton; two brothers, Richard Reineck of Kansas City, Kan., and Kenneth Reineck of California; six grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton with Rev. James Poling officiating. Calling hours are Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the American Legion Post 111.

J. Vivienne Swearingen, 100

The mother of Thomas Swearingen of Uniondale, J. Vivienne Swearingen, 100, died at 11:50 a.m. Saturday, March 18, 2006 at Lane House Nursing Home in Crawfordsville.

A native of Darlington, Ind., she was born on Nov. 17, 1905 to James V. and Mary M. Shawver Booker. She married Guy F. Swearingen on June 8, 1929 in Crawfordsville; he died Dec. 10, 1964.

A 1922 graduate of Huntington, W. Va., High School, she retired in 1973 as a court reporter for the Montgomery County Circuit Court after 10 years. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Crawfordsville since 1938, where she was active in the Friendship Class and Circle 3. She was also active in Friends of the Library.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl and Ralph Booker.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, March 25 at Oak Hill North Cemetery in Crawfordsville. There will be no calling. Arrangements are by Powers-Priebe Funeral Home in Crawfordsville. Preferred memorials are to the church.

Crystal P. Netrefa, 90

Crystal P. Netrefa, 90, died at 7:25 p.m. Thursday, March 16, 2006 at River Terrace Estates in Bluffton.

Born in Wells County on January 29, 1916 to Roy and Nora Kingen Dolby, she married James Netrefa in 1958; he died in 1975.

A former resident of Marion and Chicago, she worked at Bell Fibre in Chicago and Drovers Journal. She was a former member of the Art Guild.

Her only survivor is a nephew, Dale Dolby of Markle.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, Ill. Arrangements are being handled by Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service in Marion.

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Edward E. Cureton, 77

Edward E. Cureton, 77, of Ossian, known to many as "Rocky the Clown," died Monday, March 20, 2006 at the Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cureton was a former member of Ossian Lions Club, Bluffton Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and the Mizpah Shrine Clown Unit. He enjoyed helping sick children laugh as "Rocky the Clown." He was involved in sales with Builder's Square and previously employed with Bowmar Instrument and Magna Tek in Huntington. He attended Ossian United Methodist Church.

Edward Cureton

Born Dec. 30, 1928 in Richmond, Ind., to Edward C. and Gertrude Eagleston Cureton, his marriage on June 24, 1950, in Fort Wayne was to the former Margery L. Burkholder, who survives in Fort Wayne.

Other survivors include a son, Steve M. Cureton of Ossian; three daughters, Mrs. Gary (Claudia S.) Houck of Roanoke, Mary Alice Cureton of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Michael (Audrey K.) Merryman of Ossian; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three children, Gregory in 1977, Cheryl in 1987 and Joseph in 1994.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian with Pastor Tim Dilley officiating and burial in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ossian.

Calling at the funeral home will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Thursday. A Masonic service will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or the Shriners' Children's Hospital.

Terri L. Lampman-Green, 38

A former Zanesville resident, Terri L. Lampman-Green, of North Richland Hills, Texas, died at 5:45 a.m. Monday, March 20, 2006 at the home of her mother in Zanesville.

Born on Nov. 22, 1967 in Fort Wayne to Allan E. and Steven C. Schultz Lampman. She married Lloyd Green on Feb. 16, 2006 in Bluffton.

Terri Lampman-Green

A 1986 graduate of Norwell High School, she had worked for American Airlines for 18 years.She was a member of the Transportation Workers Union and the Coalition of Labor Union Women.

Survivors include her husband of Fort Worth, Texas; her mother and stepfather, Steve and Ken Kessler of Zanesville; and a brother, Michael Lampman of Bluffton.

Services will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Zanesville United Methodist Church, with calling there for two hours prior to the service, beginning at 1 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana. Arrangements are being handled by Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel.

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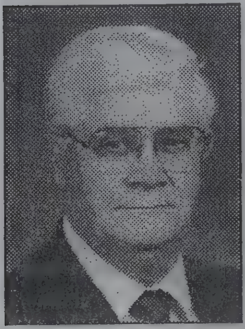
Dr. William Conner, 74

A native of Bluffton, Dr. William F. "Bill" Conner, 74, Decatur, died unexpectedly Sunday, March 19, 2006 at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

Born May 27, 1931 in Bluffton to Benjamin F. and Veda Masterson Conner, he served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and was a chiropractor for 46 years, 30 years with an office in Decatur.


Dr. Bill Conner

He was active in his church, the Optimist Club and the Masonic Lodge. At St. Mark's United Methodist Church, he was a long-time member of the Builders Sunday school class, the choir and bell choir, and was a registered lay speaker in the United Methodist Church. He was a past president and secretary-treasurer for the Decatur Optimist Club, and served as Lt. Governor of Zone 5, Governor of North District in Indiana and was presently serving as Lt. Governor of Zone 4. He was a member of the Decatur Masonic Lodge 571 F. & A.M., Scottish Rite Valley-Fort Wayne, Adams County Scottish Rite Club, Mizpah Shrine Fort Wayne and the Adams County Shrine Club, of which he was secretary-treasurer. He also served as secretary to the local chapter of the American Red Cross and was a member of the American Legion Post 43.

Survivors include a daughter, Nola Conner of Spring, Texas; a sister, Mary Jennette Speece of Poneto; Phyllis Rayer, Decatur, his partner for 14 years; two grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence and Kenny "Kay" Conner; and a sister, Betty Klefeker.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Calling hours are Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur and for one hour prior to the services Friday at the church. There will be an Optimist Memorial Service at 6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, and a Masonic Service at 8 p.m. Graveside military rites will be performed by the American Legion Post 43.

Preferred memorials are to the church, the Optimist Scholarship Fund or the Red Cross.

Evlyn M. Parks, 93

Services for Evlyn M. McClurg Parks, 93, of Normal, Ill., will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel. She died Saturday, March 18, 2006 at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Normal, Ill. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service.

Evlyn Parks

Born in Huntington County on March 10, 1913 to Jesse and Zola Day McClurg, she married Elden C. Parks on Nov. 23, 1940 in Louisville, Ky; he died July 5, 2000.

She was a school teacher for 32 years in Indiana, retiring in 1976.

Survivors include a daughter, Darla Hummel of Bloomington, Ill.; two brothers, Ira McClurg of Wabash and Max McClurg of Portland; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Interment will be at the Sparks Cemetery in Wells County.

Don Harmon, 65

A resident of Bluffton for the past six years, Don Harmon, 65, died Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Harmon worked at Holsum Bakery in Fort Wayne for 23 years until 1991. He served in the Army National Guard for six years. He was a member of the AmVets Post #33 of Fort Wayne, where he was a 3rd Vice Officer.

Born March 18, 1941 in Fort Wayne to Jess and Elsie Tracey Harmon, his marriage on June 12, 1965 in Fort Wayne was to the former Carol Osborne, who survives in Bluffton.

Also surviving are a son, Rick Harmon of Fort Wayne, a sister, Mrs. Kay Hart of Georgia, and one grandson.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Kenneth Harmon, and two sisters, Betty Archer and Dorothy Redwanski.

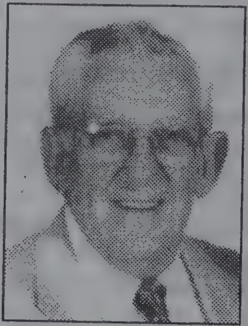
Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with Pastor Scott Meier officiating. Cremation will follow.

Calling at the funeral home will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Edward E. Cureton, 77

Edward E. Cureton, 77, of Ossian, known to many as "Rocky the Clown," died Monday, March 20, 2006 at the Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.


Edward Cureton

Mr. Cureton was a former member of Ossian Lions Club, Bluffton Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and the Mizpah Shrine Clown Unit. He enjoyed helping sick children laugh as "Rocky the Clown." He was involved in sales with Builder's Square and previously employed with Bowmar Instrument and Magna Tek in Huntington. He attended Ossian United Methodist Church.

Born Dec. 30, 1928 in Richmond, Ind., to Edward C. and Gertrude Eagleston Cureton, his marriage on June 24, 1950, in Fort Wayne was to the former Margery L. Burkholder, who survives in Ossian.

Other survivors include a son, Steve M. Cureton of Ossian; three daughters, Mrs. Gary (Claudia S.) Houck of Roanoke, Mary Alice Cureton of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Michael (Audrey K.) Merryman of Ossian; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three children, Gregory in 1977, Cheryl in 1987 and Joseph in 1994.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian with Pastor Tim Dilley officiating and burial in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ossian.

Calling at the funeral home is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Thursday. A Masonic service will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or the Shriners' Children's Hospital.

(The above obituary is being re-published to provide corrected information)

Loma L. Miller, 95

Loma L. Miller, 95, rural Bluffton, died at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at her daughter's home in rural Kokomo.

Loma Miller

Born in Monroe on Dec. 5, 1910 to George A. and Eliza Johnston Hahnert, she married Lee T. Miller on Nov. 29, 1934 in Monroe; he died July 5, 1989.

A 1929 graduate of Monroe High School, she was a homemaker and a beekeeper. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton where she taught Sunday School and was active in WSCS and the UMW. She was a member of the Loyal Neighbors Club, the Farm Bureau Pet & Hobby Club, and was a volunteer at the Wells County Food Bank for 14 years.

Survivors include a son, Arthur G. Miller of Columbia City; two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Beatrice) Anderson of Kokomo and Karen Miller of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Cindy Osgood officiating. Calling hours are Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton.

Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Food Bank.

Raymond Nelson, 79

The husband of a former Bluffton resident, Raymond O. Nelson, 79, Richmond, died Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at Rose Gate Village in Richmond.

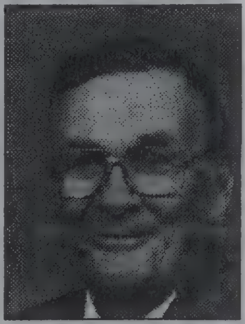
Born in Summitville, he was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and retired from Knowles Tool Co. in 1992 fter 37 years of service.

Survivors include his wife, the former Peggy Jean Thomas vhom he married April 23, 1950; two sons, a daughter, 10 grand-hildren; and nine great grandchildren. Services will be held aturday at 10 a.m. at Doan & Mills Funeral Home in Richmond. alling hours are Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. Preferred memorials re to the Northside Church of Christ.

Robert R. Ford, 82

Robert R. Ford, 82, formerly of the Poneto area, died at 12:10 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at the United Methodist Memorial Home where he had been a resident since 2004.

Born in Blackford County on Jan. 21, 1924 to Raymond E. and Lena Herbaugh Ford, he married Sarah Ruth Emshwiller in Blackford County on Feb. 2, 1946; she died Jan. 3, 2005.



Robert Ford

Mr. Ford was a lifetime farmer in Wells and Blackford Counties, and also retired from Franklin Electric where he was a tool and die maker. He also retired from the Wells County Highway Dept. He attended Chester Center High School and was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army in Germany and was a former member of the Grover Sheets American Legion Post 111 in Bluffton and the Moose Lodge in Bluffton. He attended Prairie Friends Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Elaine) Scott of Poneto; a son, Duane Ford of Bluffton; two sisters, Mrs. Ron (Marilyn) Maddox of Montpelier and Mrs. Don (Marjorie) Pearson of Warren; a brother, Jack Ford of Bluffton; four grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, William and Tom Ford; two sisters, Eileen Banter and Rose Inman; and a grandson, Matthew Scott.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Glancy Funeral Homes, Walker Chapel in Montpelier with Rev. Dan Sommer officiating. Calling hours are Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Saturday for one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be at McFarren Cemetery in Wells County with military graveside rites performed by the American Legion Post 111. Preferred memorials are to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

William L. Coolman, 66

Graveside services were held Tuesday for former Warren resident William L. Coolman, 66, of Franklin, Tenn. He died unexpectedly at his home on March 17, 2006.

A Huntington County native, he was a 1958 graduate of Warren High School and a 1963 graduate of Purdue University. A U.S. Army veteran, he was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Warren. He had worked as a manager of a paper mill and various automotive supply facilities.

He is survived by his wife Midge, two daughters, a son, six grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Burial was in Millersburg, Iowa. Powell Funeral Home in North English, Iowa was in charge of arrangements.

Beth A. Rorick, 48

The sister of Mrs. Robert (Kathy) Boling of Ossian, Beth A. Rorick, 48, rural Monroeville, died at 5 a.m. Thursday, March 23, 2006 at her residence after a two-year battle with cancer.

Born in Decatur on Sept. 26, 1957 to Alfred and Leonora Rebber Scheumann, she married George Rorick on April 21, 1979 in Besancon; he survives.

Other survivors include her father in Hoagland; a daughter, Heidi Rorick, Monroeville; a son, Daniel Rorick of West Lafayette; three brothers, Keith and Lowell Scheumann, both of Hoagland and Alan Scheumann of Fort Wayne; and two other sisters, Peggy Kofer of Strafford, N.H. and Kelly Winebrenner of Hoagland.

Beth Rorick

Calling hours are Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel in Monroeville. There will be a prayer service at 9:20 a.m. Monday at the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at the St. Rose Catholic Church in Monroeville.

Burial will be in the St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besancon. Preferred memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County, St. Joseph Catholic School in Monroeville, or the St. Louis Academy.

Mildred Madeline Thompson, 87

Mildred Madeline Thompson, 87, Berne, died at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne at 12:40 a.m. today, March 24, 2006.

Born March 1, 1919, in Marshall County to Charles and Carrie Parker Greer, she married John L. Thompson June 27, 1941, in Plymouth. He survives.

A former bookkeeper, she moved to Berne in 1991 and was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the American Legion Auxiliary. She attended First Missionary Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Carl (Marsha) Lotter, Monroe, and Mrs. Don (Paula) Fisher, Carmel; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Brothers Arnold, Virgil and Willard Greer preceded her in death.

Services at 10 a.m. Monday will be at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, with Revs. Gareth Wiederkehr and Max Haines officiating. Burial with graveside services at 2:30 p.m. will be at Oakhill Cemetery in Plymouth.

Calling from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday will be at the funeral home. Calling will also be one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials may be made to the First Missionary Church or to the South Adams Senior Center.

Lois (Nash) Herr, 81

A former teacher in Wells County schools, Lois (Nash) Herr, 81, died at 7:10 p.m. Thursday, March 23, 2006 at the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home.

Born May 10, 1924, in Marion to Homer C. and Naomi McKinley Shumaker, she married Harold E. Herr, Nov. 5, 1989, in Greenwood. He preceded her in death on Oct. 22, 2001.

Lois (Nash) Herr

A 1942 graduate of Jefferson Center High School in Huntington County, she earned a bachelor of science degree at Morehead State University in Morehead, Ky. She taught vocational home economics at Covington, Roll, Ossian and Bluffton high schools for more than 27 years. A former 4-H leader, she was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Delta Kappa Gamma and the Order of the Eastern Star. She belonged to the American Baptist Women and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Warren.

Survivors include two sons, Frederick L. Nash of Liberty Center and Joseph H. Nash of Montpelier; and four grandchildren.

Services at 10 a.m. Monday will be at Glancy Funeral Homes-H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren, with Pastor Bob Bothast officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren.

Calling at the funeral home will be Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church.

Wanda M. Bisel, 82

The sister of Fred Jolliff of Ossian, Wanda M. Bisel, 82, Berne, died at 6:55 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

Born in Greene County on Dec. 1, 1923 to Roy and Eschael Clark Jolliff, she married Dorsey Bisel in Winchester in 1942; he died Dec. 19, 1972.

Wanda Bisel

Other survivors include three sons, Orval Bisel of Portland, Roy and Jim Bisel of Geneva; three sisters, Kate Burch, Ina Arthur and Helen Jenkins, all of Bloomington; nine grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva, with calling there today from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in West Lawn Cemetery in Geneva. Preferred memorials are to the Geneva VFW.

Jacqueline M. L. Dawson, 82

Jacqueline M. L. Dawson, 82, of Bluffton, died at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, 2006, at the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home where she had been in failing health the past two months.

Jacqueline Dawson

A resident of Mobile Manor, she was born Dec. 8, 1923, in Colombes Seine, France, to Fernand and Suzanne Guisset Regnier. She married James R. Dawson, Jan. 5, 1946, in Paris France. He preceded her in death on Oct. 24, 1997. A member of the First United Methodist Church, she was a homemaker and was retired from Ludwig Grocery. She served in the French Military from 1943 to 1946 during World War II. She had lived in Wells County since 1948.

Survivors include three sons, William of Houston, Texas, Phillip of Knoxville, Tenn., and Gary of Pensacola, Fla.; a sister, Micheline Regnier of Donzere, France; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A son, Bruce, preceded her in death in 1992.

Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday under the direction of Pastor Cindy Osgood will be at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Burial of cremains will take place at Elm Grove Cemetery at a later date.

Calling at the funeral home will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Preferred memorials are to the First United Methodist Church.

The family of

Jerry D. Huffman

would like to extend a sincere Thank You to all our friends and family for your love and support through our difficult time. There are so many to thank and we want you all to know how much you are appreciated. A special thank you to officer Chris Broderick for staying with our mother until family members arrived, we appreciate that gesture more than you know. The kind words, the flowers, and support we always hold dear in our hearts. The Corner Depot and Sonlight Weselyn Church for preparing meals for everyone. Goodwin's Memorial, Tom Bradley, and Larry Sprinkle, thank you for a beautiful service that will always help us to remember what Jerry D. Huffman meant to everyone.

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Amelia M. Heyerly, 90

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Apostolic Christian Church for Amelia M. Heyerly, 90, Bluffton, who died at River Terrace Estates at 5:10 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2006.

Ministers of the church will officiate and burial will follow at Apostolic Christian Cemetery.

Born in Adams County July 26, 1915 to Edward and Emma Rauch Ringger, her marriage in Bluffton on April 17, 1938 was to Raymond Heyerly. He preceded her in death Nov. 6, 1999.

Survivors include four sons, Ron and Galen of Ossian, and Stan and Lynn of Bluffton; two daughters, Anita Heyerly of Huntington and Mrs. Edward (Denise) Steffen, Bluffton; a brother, Laverne Ringger, Berne; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Apostolic Christian Church.

Calling hours will be from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials may be made to River Terrace Estates or to the Church Charity Fund.

Laura O. Kahn, 71

A former rural Decatur resident, Laura O. Kahn, 71, died at Chalet Village in Berne at 5:47 p.m. Thursday, March 23, 2006.

Born Sept. 29, 1934, in Ohio City, Ohio to Joseph and Esther Gote Germann, she married William H. Kahn Sr. July 4, 1949, in Celina, Ohio. He survives.

She was a member of the American Legion Post #43 Auxiliary in Decatur and a homemaker.

Additional survivors include six sons, Robert L. Shaffer and Greg A. Shaffer of Geneva, William H. Kahn Jr., Fort Wayne, Larry T. Kahn, Muncie, Jack Kahn, Decatur, and Charles W. Kahn, Monroe; three daughters, Mrs. Michael (Diana) Tewell, Fort Wayne, Mrs. Alan (Nancy) Colwell, Decatur, and Mrs. Jerry (Helen) Cooper, Van Wert, Ohio; three sisters, Mabel Prichard, Van Wert, Ohio, Mrs. Chuck (Norma) Zizelman, Rockford, Ohio, and Mrs. Lloyd (Alice) Smith, Celina, Ohio; two brothers, Paul Germann and Howard Germann, both of St. Mary's, Ohio; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Laura Kahn

She was preceded in death by sons Joseph and Terry Kahn; four brothers, Elmer, Art, Lester "Pete", and Herb Germann; and four sisters, Agnes Teboe, Mildred Germann, Ireta Grace and Helen Searight.

Services at 1:30 p.m. Monday will be at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, under the direction of Rev. Ray Bell. Burial will follow at Ray Cemetery near Monroe.

Calling hours at the funeral home will be from noon to 3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials may be made to the Adams County Community Foundation-Diabetes Fund or Kidney Fund.

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Thank you, for all that you have given to me.

You have given me guidance, when I thought no one was there for me.
You have given me comfort, when I needed to cry.
You have spoken to me, when there was no sound.
You have given me peace, when I was at war with myself.
You have given me love, when I didn't think I would want it.
You have given me strength, when I thought I couldn't go on.
You have given me light, when I could not see beyond the darkness.
You have given me hope, when I was full of negativity.
You have given me faith, when I was angry at God.
You have given me courage, when I was afraid.
You have given me happiness, when all I saw was heartbreak.
You have given me children, so that I could continue to see you.

You will be a part of me for the rest of my life. You were my best friend and soul mate from the moment I met you, and until your last breath. I will love you until the day I too, cease to breathe.

My world was shattered the day you left. Now, as we rebuild our lives and become even stronger than before, I know that you're always right there, high in the clouds, watching over the family you helped to create.

In loving memory of Michael Thomas Hiester
March 7, 1972 to March 26, 2005

Relative Deceased

Among relatives who preceded Lois Nash Herr in death was a granddaughter, Devon Nash, whose name was omitted from an obituary report submitted to the News-Banner. Funeral services for Lois Nash Herr will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren. A former teacher in Wells County schools, Lois Nash Herr died Thursday, March 23 at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

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Marjorie E. Davis, 74

Marjorie E. Davis, 74, of Bluffton, the wife of City Electric and Water Supt. Ed Davis, died at 1:40 p.m. Sunday, March 26, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center after having been in failing health for three years.

Born on Townlake Farm in Akron, Ind. on Feb. 16, 1932 to John Franklin and Mami Woolpert Thompson, she married Edward C. Davis in Gilead on April 12, 1953; he survives.

Marjorie Davis

A 1950 graduate of Gilead High School and a resident of Wells County since 1968, she was a homemaker and also worked at the Caylor-Nickel Clinic Pharmacy for 19 years. She was a member of the Grace Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Robert F. Davis and Andrew T. Davis, both of Bluffton, and Douglas L. Davis of Adrian, Mo.; a daughter, Mrs. Ted (Sherri Rene) Harter of Bluffton; and nine grandchildren. She was the last of her family, having been preceded in death by six brothers and four sisters.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Grace Baptist Church with Pastor Douglas McClure officiating. Calling hours are Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton, and for one hour prior to the services Wednesday at the church.

Burial will be in the Akron Cemetery in Akron. Preferred memorials are to the Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Shirley R. Franklin, 60

Shirley R. Franklin, 60, of Bluffton, died at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 25, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Born in Hindman, Ky. on Aug. 31, 1945 to Troy and Elsie Patrick Ritchie, she married Steven Franklin in Bluffton on May 12, 1963; he died Jan. 5, 1996. She worked at the Dutch Mill Restaurant for 12 years.

Shirley Franklin

She is survived by a son, Tim Franklin of Bluffton; three brothers; two sisters; and one grandchild.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, with Phil Stettner and Doyle Frauhiger officiating. Calling hours are today from 2 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Apostolic Christian Church Charity Fund.

Edward Brookmyer, 88

The father of Nedra Steury of Bluffton, Edward Brookmyer, 88, Goshen, died unexpectedly Friday, March 24, 2006 at his home.

A native and lifelong resident of the Goshen area, he was owner of Brookmyer Accountancy from 1946 until his retirement in 1985. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Goshen, charter member and first president of the Elkhart Co. Exchange Club and co-organizer of the former Menno Singers.

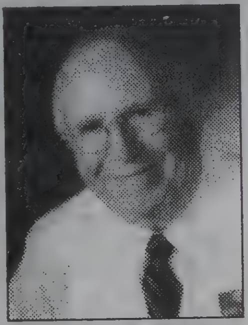
Other survivors include a son, Jon Brookmyer of Syracuse; two other daughters, Dr. Sally Hammitt of Central, S.C. and Alicia Brenneman of Elkhart; eight grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Donita Hartzler.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church in Goshen. Calling hours are today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen. A prayer service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday for family and friends at the funeral home with burial in the Oak Ridge Cemetery to follow. Preferred memorials are to the church, Bluffton College or Goshen College.

Dr. Glade McAfee, 86

A native of Bluffton, Dr. Glade Allen McAfee, 86, Portland, died Friday, March 24, 2006 in Heritage Commons in Portland.

Born in Bluffton on Dec. 30, 1919 to O. Coulson and Mary Jane Armstrong McAfee, he married Joyce H. Wilson on Dec. 6, 1953; she died Dec. 2, 2005. A 1938 graduate of Bluffton High School, he attended the Columbia School of Pharmacy and graduated in 1950 from the Illinois College of Optometry. He had a practice in Portland since 1952, retiring in Aug., 2003 after 51 years.


Dr. Glade McAfee

Dr. McAfee was a World War II veteran in the U.S. Coast Guard and a member of Asbury United Methodist Church. He was a member for over 46 years and past president of the Portland Kiwanis Club, a member of the Portland Elks Lodge, American Legion Post 211, Jay Lodge 87 F.&A.M., Knights of Pithias, Fort Wayne York Rite, Scottish Rite and Mizpah Temple of Fort Wayne and the Mizpah Shrine Band. He was also past-president of East Central Optometric Society.

Surviving are two daughters, Julie Forcum of Hartford City and Shawna Mayberry of Arlington, Texas; a half-sister, Mary Speheger of Bluffton; five grandchildren; and two step-grandchilden.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Asbury United Methodist Church. Calling hours are today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland, and for one hour prior to the services at the church.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Preferred memorials are to the church or Shriner's Hospital.

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Gladys E. Pinkerton, 76

A lifelong resident of Jackson Township in Wells County, Gladys E. Pinkerton, 76, died at 4:17 p.m. Sunday, March 26, 2006 at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Born on Nov. 17, 1929 to Raphael "Johnnie" and Elretta Zoda Slusher in Jackson Twp., she married John F. Pinkerton on Feb. 6, 1953 at Dillman Church in rural Warren; he died Dec. 19, 2002.

Gladys Pinkerton

A 1947 graduate of Jackson Center High School, she played on the Dillman Daisies softball team and retired in 1995 from Southern Wells High School, where she had worked in food service for 22 years. She was a member of the Dillman United Brethren in Christ Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Cindy Pless of Wexford, Pa., Mrs. Ernest (Vicki) Loehr of Churubusco, and Nancy Glover of Roanoke; a son, Gary Pinkerton of Montpelier; two sisters, Juanita Minch of Phoenix, Ariz. and Karen Keplinger of Montpelier; two brothers, Frank and Dale Slusher, both of Warren; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Glancy Funeral Home, H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren. Calling hours there are Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Mt. Etna Cemetery in Huntington County. Preferred memorials are to the UMM Home in Warren.

Norma J. Stout, 81

Services for Norma J. Stout, 81, Van Buren, will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Central Christian Church in Van Buren. She died Friday, March 24, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include her husband, James Ray Stout of Van Buren; two sons; four daughters; two brothers; a sister; ten grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Calling hours are Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church, and also for one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. Arrangements are being handled by the Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren. Preferred memorials are to the church.

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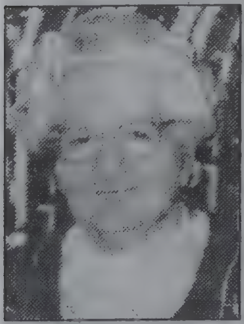
Mary Ann King, 83

A former resident of Poneto, Mary Ann King, 83, Albany, died Monday, March 27, 2006 at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Born in Liberty Township on May 27, 1922 to Stanford and Molly Moore Osborn, she married Willis W. King on Sept. 30, 1939 in Keystone; he died June 26, 1982.


Mary Ann King

She attended Liberty Center School, was a homemaker and worked in the housekeeping department of Wells Community Hospital. She was a member of the Reiffsburg United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Dennis (Barbara Jo) Morgan of Eaton and Mrs. Bruce (Connie Kay) LaRue of Tulsa, Okla.; a sister, Ida Ramseyer of Bluffton; seven grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild. She was preceded in death by an infant son, Wayne King, Jr.; seven brothers, Charles, Merle, Lawrence, Alford, Revy, Everett and Ralph Osborn; a sister, Dollie Terrell; and a set of twin sisters who died at birth.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with Rev. Cindy Osgood officiating. Calling hours are Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday for one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be in Stahl Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to donors' choice.

Zonda Bradshaw, 86

The co-owner of Bradshaw Grocery in Montpelier, Zonda Marie Bradshaw, 86, Montpelier, died at 8:44 p.m. Sunday, March 26, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Born in Montpelier on August 3, 1919 to Homer and Vallie V. Hart Reff, she attended Montpelier High School and was a member of the Millard-Brown American Legion Post 156 Auxiliary.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Ann Schwarz of Atascosa, Texas; a sister, Wilma DuPriest of Rantoul, Ill.; four grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles E. Bradshaw who died April 24, 1968; a sister, Dorothy Pagles; and a brother, Denton Reff.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Glancy Funeral Homes, Walker Chapel in Montpelier with Pastor Tom Bradley officiating. Calling hours are Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier.

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Beulah Enderle, 88

A former Bluffton resident, Beulah Jane Enderle, 88, of Ocala, Fla., died at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

Born in Wells County on Oct. 22, 1917 to Seth and Mabel Owens Snider, she had worked in the lab at Caylor-Nickel Clinic and was a member of the Methodist church.

Survivors include two daughters, Annlee Zoll of Greencastle and Jolena Plaut of Ocala, Fla.; a sister, Annabel Snider of Bluffton; eleven grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon Enderle; a son, Warner Hunt; and a brother, Halden Snider.

Beulah Enderle

There will be no calling or services. The body will be cremated. Arrangements are being handled by Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton.

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Harold E. Penrod, 81

Harold E. Penrod, 81, rural Montpelier, died at 11:50 a.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2006 at Blackford Community Hospital.

Born in Wells County on Nov. 1, 1924 to Fred and Mabel Musselman Penrod, he married Madonna E. Julian on Dec. 16, 1944; she died March 20, 1985.

A veteran of the European theater in the Army during World War II, he was a past commander of the Millard-Brown American Legion Post 156 in Montpelier and served on the post's color guard for many years. He was a past sexton of the Woodlawn Cemetery and was a member of the Bro Shadow Club in Montpelier. He was a retired semi driver for Brada Miller Trucking and Fast Freight Trucking.

Harold Penrod

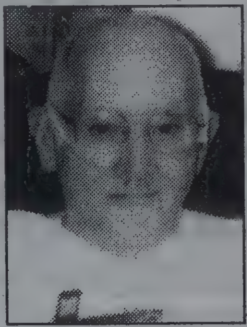
Survivors include his mother of Wells County; three daughters, Mrs. Steve (Nicki) Lehman of Berne, Mrs. Andy (Pat) Wagner of Hartford City and Mrs. Ray (Jill) James of Greencastle; five sons, Barry Penrod of Bluffton, Kim and Mark Penrod of Montpelier, Joy Penrod of Keystone and Rodne Penrod of Pennville; a sister, Mary Jane Rehling of Keystone; 27 grandchildren; and 40 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, John Penrod and a sister, Martha Ann Penrod.

Calling hours are this evening from 4 to 8 p.m. at Glancy Funeral Homes, Walker Chapel in Montpelier. Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Steve Rogers officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Montpelier, with military graveside rites performed by the American Legion Post 156.

Darrol Roy Fry, 70

A former Markle resident, Darrol Roy Fry, 70, died at 10:55 a.m. Thursday, March 30, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Center in Huntington following an extended illness.

Born Dec. 2, 1935 in Iriquois, Ill., to Robert and Viola Perkins Fry, he married the former Sylvia Simmons, Aug. 18, 1956, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Sheldon, Ill. She survives.


Darrol Fry

An Air Force veteran of the Korean War, he worked for Orton Crane Company in Huntington for several years as the head crane operator.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Robert Lee Fry of Plymouth and Mike Fry of Indianapolis; a daughter, Debra L. Scheiber of Huntington; a brother, Benjamin Fry of Sheldon, Ill.; a sister, Shirley Sanford of Benton, Mo.; four grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Services at 10 a.m. Saturday will be at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel, with Pastor Russell Buzzard and Pastor Raymond Stamper officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Etna Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Associated Churches Weekday Religious Education Bible Trailer Fund.

Crystal M. Miller, 85

Crystal M. Miller, 85, rural Poneto, died at 6:37 a.m. Thursday, March 30, 2006 at her residence.

Born in Wells County on May 31, 1920 to Clell and Nellie Harris Murray, she married John E. Miller on Oct. 22, 1938. He preceded her in death on Dec. 29, 1994.

Crystal Miller

A 1938 graduate of Chester Center School, she was a homemaker and worked alongside her husband on the family farm. She also worked as a nurse's aid at Caylor-Nickel Clinic and retired from CTS in Berne after 22 years. She was an active member of Hope Missionary Church.

Other survivors include two sons, Kerry Miller of Bluffton and Dennis Miller of Zanesville; a sister, Mrs. Paul (Helen) Bryan of Geneva; three brothers, Earl Murray of Seymour, Bob Murray of Redkey and Don Murray of Hartford City; six grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by a brother, Ned Murray.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Hope Missionary Church with Rev. Gary Aupperle and Rudy Frauhiger officiating. Calling hours are this evening from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton, and for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the church.

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Edward L. Sumwalt, 86

The brother of Joseph F. Sumwalt of Warren, Edward L. Sumwalt, 86, of Show-Low, Ariz., died Wednesday, March 29, 2006, in the Show-Low hospital.

Born in Farmland to Harry F. and Myretta (McWilliams) Sumwalt, he lived most of his life in San Diego. Mr. Sumwalt served in the military during World War II and retired from General Dynamics Corp. in 1984.

In addition to his brother in Warren, he is survived by two sons, Larry Sumwalt of Muncie and Gary Sumwalt of Canada; a daughter, Mrs. Rob (Dina) Simpson; brothers Thomas E. of Valley Spring, Calif.; Donald L. of Hartford City and Max E. of Muncie; two sisters, Mildred (Mimi) Coppock of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Harry (Harriet E.) Anderson of Sun City West, Ariz.; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bernie; a son, Ernie; two brothers, James and Frederick Sumwalt; and a sister, Barbara J. Sumwalt.

Cremains to be buried in Show-Low, Ariz.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to your favorite charity.

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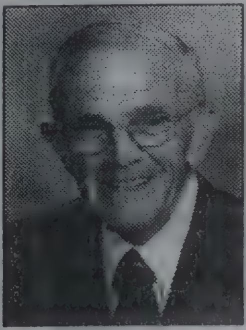
James C. "Jim" Barbieri, 77

Services for James C. "Jim" Barbieri, 77, of Bluffton, will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton.

Barbieri, who's long and distinguished career at the Bluffton News-Banner has been the subject of awards, feature articles and legend, died Saturday, April 1, 2006 at 2:34 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Jim Barbieri

Born on Dec. 20, 1928 in Park Ridge, Ill. to Joseph F. and Vera Gillick Barbieri, he married Barbara C. Forsell on April 28, 1951 in Greencastle. She survives.

After graduation from DePauw University in 1950, he worked briefly at The Chicago American as a reporter before being hired on June 18, 1950 as an advertising salesman at the Bluffton News-Banner. He eventually became editor and general manager in addition to his writing duties, and became a co-owner, president and publisher in 1986. He received numerous journalism awards and honors during his career, including several from DePauw's School of Journalism. In 1997 he was named publisher emeritus and continued his daily duties as editor and also continued to serve as secretary on the corporation's board of directors. His numerous community awards included being named the Citizen of the Year by the Wells County Chamber of Commerce in 1996.

Mr. Barbieri served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, stationed in Germany as a Top Secret Radio Operator. He was a member of the American Legion Post 111 and named Legionnaire of the Year this past January. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a former member of Bluffton Kiwanis Club and the Parlor City Country Club. He was named Permanent Class Secretary of the DePauw Class of 1950 and was speaker for the class of 1950's 25th and 50th reunions. As class secretary, he raised thousands of dollars each year for scholarships.

In addition to his wife of nearly 55 years, he is survived by a son, Chuck Barbieri of Haslett, Mich.; a daughter, Cindi Pastore of Bluffton; a brother, John Barbieri of Vancouver, Wash.; four grandchildren; and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Jean Barbieri and Mary Lear; and a brother, Joseph Barbieri.

Calling hours at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home are from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, and 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday. There will also be calling for one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church. The service will be officiated by Pastor Robert Madsen. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery with a military flag presentation by the American Legion Post 111.

The family is encouraging memorial contributions in lieu of flowers. Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Foundation, the First Presbyterian Church Capital Campaign Fund and the DePauw University Annual Fund.

Carl Muselman, 78

Longtime Berne businessman Carl Muselman, 78, died at 1:45 a.m. Sunday, April 2, 2006 at Swiss Village from complications of prostate cancer.

Born on Feb. 7, 1928 to Christian and Edna Sprunger Muselman, he married Marilyn Smith on Oct. 15, 1950; she survives.

After graduating from Indiana University in 1950 and receiving an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army in 1953, Mr. Muselman joined the family business, Economy Printing. He and his brother Art purchased the business from their father and have expanded it to include numerous publications. They also purchased other businesses, bringing them under the umbrella of Dynamic Resources Group, of which Mr. Muselman was a director emeritus. The brothers also purchased the Berne Tri-Weekly News in the mid-1970's.

Carl Muselman

He was involved in a number of community organizations and served on and was past president of the South Adams School Board. He was active in the Berne Rotary Club for many years and was the first president of the Berne Jaycees. He served on the board of Summit Christian College (now Taylor University Fort Wayne) and Bethel College in Mishawaka. He was a director for World Missionary Press, Inc., a member of Gideons International and a lifelong member of First Missionary Church in Berne.

Other survivors include a son, Thomas Muselman of Berne; a brother; Art Muselman of Berne; a sister, Ruth Steury of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, John A. and James H. Muselman; and two sisters, Carolyn Russett and Pauline Muselman.

Due to renovations at First Missionary Church, funeral services will be held at First Mennonite Church in Berne at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Calling hours are Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne, and for one hour prior to the services Wed. at the church.

Burial will be in MRE Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Bethel College, Gideons International, Swiss Village Wellness Center or the Missionary Church New District Project.

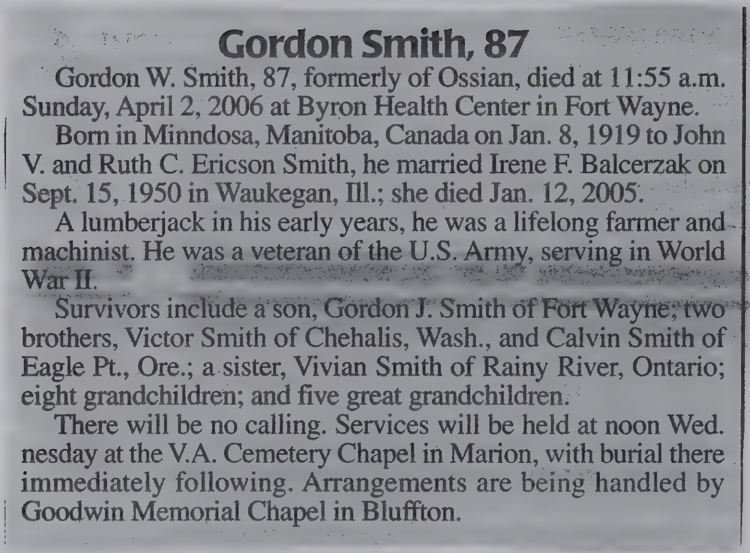
Alvina Laux, 90

The mother of Mrs. William (Joan) Hudson of Ossian, Alvina C. Laux, 90, Portland, died Sunday, April 2, 2006 in Americare Living Center in Portland.

Born in Mercer County, Ohio on Dec. 28, 1915 to Christopher and Agnes Gaerke Knoth, she was married to Ralph Laux, who died on April 6, 1962. A member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, she had worked at Fisher Packing and at the Immaculate Conception Catholic School.

Other survivors include three sons, Chuck, Steven and Larry Laux, all of Portland; another daughter, Susan DeBoy of Marion; three sisters, 16 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

Services will be held Wed. at 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Calling hours are Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with a Scripture Service there at 4 p.m. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Jay County Cancer Society or masses.



Gordon Smith, 87

Gordon W. Smith, 87, formerly of Ossian, died at 11:55 a.m. Sunday, April 2, 2006 at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne.

Born in Minndosa, Manitoba, Canada on Jan. 8, 1919 to John V. and Ruth C. Ericson Smith, he married Irene F. Balcerzak on Sept. 15, 1950 in Waukegan, Ill.; she died Jan. 12, 2005.

A lumberjack in his early years, he was a lifelong farmer and machinist. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II.

Survivors include a son, Gordon J. Smith of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Victor Smith of Chehalis, Wash., and Calvin Smith of Eagle Pt., Ore.; a sister, Vivian Smith of Rainy River, Ontario; eight grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

There will be no calling. Services will be held at noon Wednesday at the V.A. Cemetery Chapel in Marion, with burial there immediately following. Arrangements are being handled by Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton.

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N-B Editor Jim Barbieri Dies

By JOE SMEKENS

News-Banner Editor James C. "Jim" Barbieri, one of the most well-known figures in Bluffton, Wells County and the surrounding area, has died.

Associated with the News-Banner since June of 1950, Barbieri passed away Saturday, April 1, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital. He was 77.

Surrounded by family members, Barbieri died peacefully at 2:34 p.m.

His death followed a period of several months of declining health and two major surgeries within the past six weeks.

In February, Barbieri had undergone major lung surgery and had been making significant recovery strides while in the Continuing Care unit at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Barbieri had progressed to the point where dismissal to his home was expected on Wednesday, March 22. However, intestinal complications developed and he ultimately was taken to Lutheran Hospital and underwent major surgery there on March 25.

While his declining health had been of major concern to all who were acquainted with him, word of his death was a shock as the news spread over the weekend.

Cause of death was listed as complications of emphysema and lung surgery.

A champion for reporting the news fairly and accurately, and for projects toward betterment of the community throughout his career, Barbieri and his family were remembered in prayer at Sunday services in churches throughout Wells County.

Funeral services for the legendary newsman have been scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, April 6 at the First Presbyterian Church. Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Barbieri is survived by his wife, Barbara, who has been associated with the News-Banner for more than 30 years.

Other immediate survivors are two children, Cindi Pastore of Bluffton and Charles E. "Chuck" Barbieri and his wife, Lorie, of Haslett, Mich. Also surviving is a brother, John Barbieri in Vancouver, Wash.; four grandchildren, Jenni Pastore of Kofu, Japan, Stephen Pastore of Bluffton, Brent and Ashley Barbieri of Haslett, Mich., and a great-grandson, Nicholas James Barbieri of Bluffton.

Barbieri was the focus of a special News-Banner celebration in June of 2000 marking his 50th year with the News-Banner.

At that event, Barbieri, in reflecting on the past had noted, *"The News-Banner and life in Wells County have been and are the best. I like to hope that when the time comes, I'll end up working on the Celestial News-Banner, which I imagine is a lot like the one here on earth."*

Barbieri accepted a position on the News-Banner advertising staff in June of 1950 and has since headed the newspaper's advertising, circulation and business and editorial departments in addition to his own general reporting and editorial

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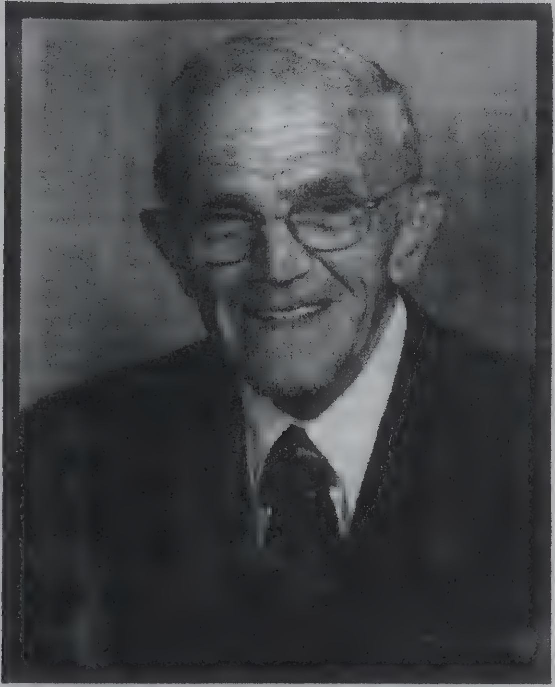
James C. Barbieri

"The News-Banner and life in Wells County have been and are the best. I like to hope that when the time comes, I'll end up working on the Celestial News-Banner, which I imagine is a lot like the one here on earth."
—Jim Barbieri, June 25, 2000

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Jim Barbieri stood behind many cameras during his nearly 56 years with the News-Banner.

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Ada K. West, 76

A resident of Wells County since 1953, Ada K. West, 76, of Bluffton, died at 9:34 a.m. Monday, April 3, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. West retired in 1995 from Kitco after 35-plus years of service. Prior to that, she worked at Estey Piano Factory and Bachman's Pretzel Factory. She was a member of the Moose Lodge and Eagles Lodge in Bluffton.

Ada West

Born Oct. 6, 1929, in Virginia to Taylor and Lela (Stacey) Smith, her marriage in Lee County, Va., on Nov. 15, 1947, was to Raymond W. West, who preceded her in death of Nov. 24, 1970.

Survivors include a son, Raymond W. West Jr. of Bluffton; five daughters, Mrs. William (Odett) Duncan, Mrs. Edward (Tanja) Bowman; Mrs. Timothy (Fredonna) Eckhart, Mrs. Michelle Davis, all of Bluffton, and Mrs. Rev. Larry (Shirley) Lane of Portsmouth, Va.; two brothers, Claude Douglas Smith of Washington and James E. Smith of Bluffton; five sisters, Marcella Hagger of Hendersonville, Tenn., Clodine Bonar of Dayton, Ohio, Deloris Poling of Bluffton; Adde Fritz of Poneto and Essie Mullins of Dayton, Ohio; 21 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Smith; and two brothers, Ralph and Chester Smith.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Calling hours will be from noon to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. The Revs. Larry Lane, Jim Poling and David Henry will be officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery.

Preferred memorials to the family.

Sarah F. Kipfer, 85

Sarah F. Kipfer, 85, of Bluffton died at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Kipfer was a homemaker and had worked 10 years as a seamstress at Berco Co. in Berne. She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church.

Born on Jan. 14, 1921, in French Township of Adams County, she was a daughter of Jehu and Lydia (Maller) Gerber. Her marriage on Oct. 1, 1997, in Bluffton was to Arthur Kipfer, who survives.

Her first marriage on Jan. 31, 1944, in Adams County was to Roland Beer, who died in July 1970. A second marriage on April 16, 1975, in Bluffton was to Harry Reinhard, who died July 4, 1975. Her third marriage was on June 1, 1983, in Bluffton to William Steffen, who died March 7, 1988.

Sarah Kipfer

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. David (Judy) Fleming of Decatur and Mrs. Nancy Birch of Huntington; a son, Philip Beer of Craigville; a foster son, Charles Fell of Berne; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Kristie Meyer of Livonia, Mich.; a stepson, Lynn Kipfer of Bluffton; five sisters, Mrs. Minnie Aschliman, Mrs. Anna Isch, Mrs. Leona Schwartz, Mrs. Alice Schwartz and Mrs. Josephine Schwartz, all of Bluffton; three brothers, Sylvan Gerber and Floyd Gerber, both of Bluffton, and Edward Gerber of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; 15 grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and six stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Edward Beer; a sister, Mrs. Helen Gerber; four brothers, Gaius, Alvin, Lloyd and Truman; and a great-grandchild.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Apostolic Christian Church East with ministers of the church officiating.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. today and 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Burial will be in Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Christian Care Retirement Community.

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Margaret Fisher, 86

Margaret M. Fisher, 86, a former Montpelier resident, died Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at Norwood Nursing Home in Huntington.

Born in Hartford City on April 3, 1920 to Fred V. and Mariett McGeath McDirmit, she married Richard "Glen" Fisher Sr. on July 16, 1942 in Adams County; he died June 21, 1985.

A 1938 gaduate of Montpelier High School, she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Montpelier and a member of the Alethia Chapter 206, Order of the Eastern Star, the Montpelier Senior Citizens, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Home Ec Club. She owned and operated Fishers Beauty Shop in Marion for 25 years.

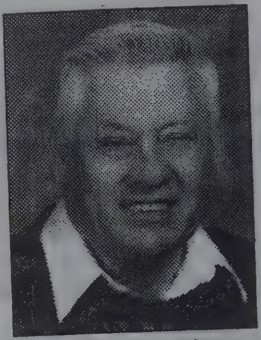
Margaret Fisher

Survivors include two sons, Richard Fisher, Jr. of Marion and Randy Fisher of Roanoke; a daughter, Rita Smith of Indianapolis; two brothers, Evan McDirmit of Waynesville N.C., and Fred McDirmit of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Glancy Funeral Home, Walker Chapel in Montpelier, with calling there Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Ronald L. Engle, 66

Ronald L. Engle, 66, of rural Bluffton died at 6:54 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.


Ronald Engle

Mr. Engle had worked at CTS Corp in Berne from 1966 until his retirement in 2003. He served in the Indiana National Guard from 1957 to 1961, and was a member of Living Water United Methodist Church.

Born July 6, 1939, in Wells County, he was a son of Dwight and June Hedges Engle. His marriage on Nov. 15, 1963, in Geneva was to Carolyn L. Moore, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Gayland (Leslie) Grogg of Bluffton; a son, Robert B. Engle of Noblesville; two brothers, Donald D. Engle and Kenneth Engle, both of Bluffton; and two grandchildren.

Services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at Living Water United Methodist Church with Rev. Steve McPeek officiating.

Calling is from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the Church Building Fund.

Charlotte "Sammy" Cook, 89

A 50 year-plus member of the Warren United Methodist Church, Charlotte "Sammy" Cook, 89, of Warren, died at 12:40 a.m. Wednesday, April 5, at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Mrs. Cook lived in Huntington County most of her life. She was a school secretary for several years at the Warren School. She was also administrative secretary to the administrators at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren for 20 years.

Born in Hartford City on Dec. 12, 1916, to Sam and Hazel (Stanley) Simison, her marriage was to Guy D. Cook, who preceded her in death on Aug. 18, 1970.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. James (Ann) Brandon of Nottawa, Mich.; a brother, Robert Simison of Muncie; three granddaughters; and three great-granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Stanley Simison.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at United Methodist Memorial Home with pastor Michael W. Malone and the Rev. Howard Cress officiating. Calling hours will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Memorial Home. Burial will be at the Masonic Cemetery in Warren. Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel is handing arrangements.

Preferred memorials to American Cancer Society.

Alice L. Lehman, 59

Alice L. Lehman, 59, of rural Berne, died at 1:10 a.m. Wednesday, April 5, at her home.

Mrs. Lehman was a former employee of the Berne Community Market, CVS, C.R. Designs and H & R Block. She was a member of the First Mennonite Church.

Born April 27, 1946, in Wooster, Ohio, to Benjamin and Anna (Buckwalter) Smucker, her marriage on April 3, 1971, in Smithville, Ohio, was to Orlyn K. Lehman, who survives.

Survivors include a son, Craig Lehman of Columbus, Ind., and a daughter, Susan Hanner of Brownsville; and three sisters, Pauline Smucker and Arlene Moore of Wooster, Ohio, and Geneva Horst of Dalton, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Ellen Ritter.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the First Mennonite Church with the Rev. Craig Maven and Marie Nussbaum officiating. Calling hours will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne. There will also be one hour of calling prior to services at the church.

Preferred memorials to First Mennonite Church Music Ministry or Adams County Community Foundation Cancer Fund.

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Avis M. Wheeler, 90

Graveside services will be held at Six Mile Cemetery on Tuesday at 12 noon for Avis M. Wheeler, 90, who died Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at Americare Nursing Home in New Castle.

Born on Nov. 7, 1915 to Irvin C. and Nina Studebaker Miller, she married Joy J. Wheeler on Oct. 14, 1940 in Louisville, Ky.; he died Oct. 9, 1989.

A former Bluffton resident, she worked in the insurance and real estate business with her husband in Marion County. She was the last of her family, survived by several nieces and nephews.

Visitation hours are from 10 a.m. until noon prior to the service at Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton.

Keith D. Brondyke, 49

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton for Keith D. Brondyke, 49, of Grand Rapids, Mich., who died unexpectedly at his home on Monday, April 3, 2006.

Born in Chicago on Nov. 22, 1956, he was self-employed. Survivors include his parents, Jack Brondyke of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Erma Brondyke of Kentwood, Mich.; and a brother and a sister, Kyle Brondyke and Kayelyn Brondyke, both of Kentwood, Mich. He was preceded in death by a brother, Kevin Brondyke.

There will be no calling. Arrangements are being handled by Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Virginia Merriman, 76

A sister to Mrs. Wayne (Dorothy) Lydy of Bluffton, Virginia P. Merriman, 76, of Decatur, died Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A native of Wells County, she was born on Nov. 16, 1929 in Kingsland to Cornelius and Lillian Wall Crickmore and married Ralph L. "Bud" Merriman on April 27, 1948; he died in December of 2003.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Decatur Church of the Nazarene.

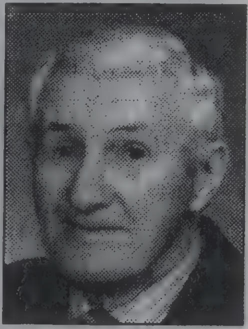
Other survivors include a son, Larry E. Merriman of Churchville, N.Y.; a daughter, Linda Rider of Fort Wayne; two brothers, William Crickmore of Muncie and Raymond Crickmore of Greenville; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Decatur Church of the Nazarene, with calling there one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the church.

James E. Love, 91

A former teacher and coach at Jackson Township High School, James E. Love, 91, of rural Eaton, died at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, April 6, 2006 in Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Born in Delaware County on June 18, 1914 to William and Alma Taylor Love, he married Juaniece Morrison on June 18, 1938 in Paris, Ky.; she survives.


James Love

A 1932 graduate of Eaton High School, he graduated from Purdue University in 1937 and resided in Wells County from 1937 to 1959, teaching vocational agriculture and was a basketball coach at Jackson Twp. High School. He also was a basketball referee. In 1959, he returned to the Eaton area and engaged in farming, retiring in 1977.

A veteran shower of livestock at the Delaware County 4-H Fair, he was a sheep judge for the International Livestock Show and received the Distinguished Purdue Ag and Hall of Fame Award in 1960.

Other survivors include five daughters, Dian Love of Ypsilanti, Mich., Monnie Boykin of Warren, Melanie Love of Columbia City, and Dr. Julie Alexander and Cindy Duvall, both of Eaton; two sisters, Wilma Hartzell of Fort Wayne and Norma Milhollin of Pleasant Lake; seven grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence Love; and a sister, Louise Davis.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Pitman-Richman Funeral Home in Eaton. Calling hours there are Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and for one hour prior to the service on Monday. Burial will be in Union Cemetery in Eaton. Preferred memorials are to the Eaton EMS.

James L. Kaehr, 61

James L. Kaehr, 61, rural Decatur, died Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at his home. He has a number of relatives in Wells County.

He was employed at International Harvester for five years and retired last year from General Electric in Fort Wayne after 15 years service.

James Kaehr

Survivors include his wife, the former Nancy Burger; his parents, Lester and Katherine Kaehr; and two sons, Jon and Doug Kaehr, all of Decatur. Also surviving are five brothers, a sister and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur, with calling beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday. Preferred memorials are to the Adams County Community Foundation Kidney Fund.

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William N. Lautzenheiser, 81

A World War II Army sergeant and member of American Legion Post 111, William N. Lautzenheiser, 81, of Bluffton, died at 7:35 a.m. Friday, April 7, at River Terrace Estates.

Mr. Lautzenheiser was a machinist at Crown Unlimited, formerly Lautzenheiser & Sons. He graduated from Bluffton High School in 1943. He attended St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton.

Born July 1, 1924, in Bluffton to George Sr. and Alice S. (Niblick) Lautzenheiser, his marriage in Bluffton on Nov. 25, 1946, was to Rose Ann Wahman, who survives.

Bill Lautzenheiser

Additional survivors include a son, Michael W. Lautzenheiser, and a daughter, Mrs. Jerry (Jane) Case, both of Bluffton; a brother, George Lautzenheiser of Bluffton; two sisters, Rosie Swartz and Maxine Starr, both of Bluffton; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Harold Lautzenheiser; three sisters, Helen Shatto, Eileen Liby and Mary Reed; and a grandchild.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Dale Bauman officiating. Calling hours will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel. There will be a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. There will be one hour of calling prior to the mass at the church. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery.

Preferred memorials to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Katelynne Louann Carroll, Infant

Katelynne Louann Carroll, infant daughter of John D. Carroll and Cheryl M. Burns of Columbia City, was stillborn at Parkview Huntington Hospital at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 4.

In addition to her father and her mother, who is a native of Bluffton, survivors include grandparents, William and Pamela Brown of Fort Wayne, Clifford and Annel Carroll of Mansfield, Ohio, and Bonnie Stout of Texas; step-sisters, Alyssa Hardin, Brittany Carroll and Ashley Weiss; step-brother, Carl Jay Hardin; and great grandmothers Avenell Smith and Beatrice Stout.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Marilyn Gebert officiating. Calling hours will be from noon to 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Greenhill Cemetery.

David E. Hughes, 62

David E. "Gramps" Hughes, 62, of rural Montpelier died 3:26 p.m. Friday, April 7, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort ayne.

Mr. Hughes was employed at Bluffton Rubber in Bluffton and so worked at John Wendt & Sons Equipment Co. in Wabash. e had served in the U.S. Army.

Born June 21, 1943, in Ohio, he was a son of John W. and enora G. (Haynes) Hughes, and he attended high school in hio.

Survivors include two sons, Scott Hughes of Huntington nd John Hughes of Van Buren; a brother, Robert Risinger of hio; his companion, Patty Billington of Keystone; and two randchildren.

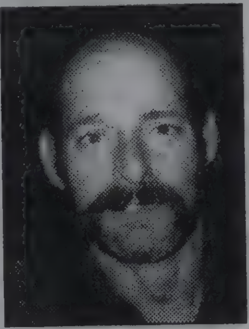
He was preceded in death by a brother, William Risinger.

There will be no viewing or funeral services. Preferred memoials are to the family, in care of Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker hapel, Montpelier.

James C. Dulworth, 51

A former Wells County resident, James C. Dulworth, 51, of ewiston, Mich., died at 11 p.m. Friday, April 7, 2006, at Northrn Michigan Hospital, Petoskey, Mich.

Mr. Dulworth was the former owner of D & M Fabricating & Velding in Montpelier and also was employed at AMI in Lewston, Mich. He had served in the U.S. Army.


James Dulworth

A 1973 graduate of Southern Wells High School, he fornerly lived in the Poneto and Liberty enter areas. He was a member of the ro-Shadow Club in Montpelier.

Born Feb. 7, 1955, in Wells County, e was a son of E.J. and Lucille (Vaughn) ulworth. His mother survives and esides in Bluffton. His marriage on uly 9, 1988, in Celina, Tenn., was to B. Elaine (Ellison) Dulworth, who preceded him in death on Dec. 10, 1996.

Survivors, in addition to his mother, include a daughter, Mrs. Kyle (Angel) Gilbertson of Warsaw; three sisters, Mrs. Jonathan (Judy) Boyd of Poneto, Mrs. Steve (Barbara) Sutton of Montpelier and Mrs. Tom (Joyce) Bailey of Avon; two brothers, Jerry Dulworth of Dawsonville, Ga., and Mike Dulworth of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier.

Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Paul Schafer officiating.

Burial will be in Brookside Memorial Park, Montpelier.

Alicia Hoskins, 28

Alicia Hoskins, 28, of rural Bluffton died at 10:25 a.m. Saturday, April 8, 2006, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was involved in a single-vehicle traffic accident Saturday morning near Landess in Grant County.

Alicia Hoskins

A lifelong resident of Wells County, she was born Oct. 20, 1977, in Bluffton to James and Rose K. (Compton) Hoskins, who survive. She attended Norwell High School, and she was a member of Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton.

Other survivors include two sons, Justin James Newman and Brandon Wayne Newman, both of Bluffton; a sister, Mrs. Bill (Erica J.) Mohler of Bluffton; and two brothers, James Hoskins of Bluffton and Ronnie Edward Hoskins of Oklahoma.

Calling is from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton.

Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church with Pastor Matt Hartsell officiating.

Burial will be in Rockford Cemetery in Wells County. Preferred memorials are to the family. Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren, is in charge of the arrangements.

Faye W. Geiger, 94

Faye W. Geiger, 94, of Bluffton and formerly of Union Township, Huntington, died at 5:20 a.m. Saturday, April 8, 2006, at River Terrace Estates, Bluffton.

Mrs. Geiger was a homemaker and also worked at E-Systems/Memcor in Huntington for nine years, retiring in 1964. A member of Markle United Methodist Church, she also was a charter member of the Order of Eastern Star #567 in Markle and a current member of OES #75 Floral Chapter in Huntington. She was a charter member of the Markle Area Historical Society.

Faye Geiger

Born June 12, 1911, in Union Township of Huntington County, she was a daughter of Orville N. and Mamie D. (Hughes) Rice, and she was a 1930 graduate of West Union High School. Her marriage on June 23, 1935, in Union Township of Huntington County was to Neil D. Geiger, who preceded her in death on Feb. 2, 1999.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Marlyn (Lois) Byrd of Roscommon, Mich.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Eolia M. Stucker; and a brother, Roy L. Rice.

Calling is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers Funeral Home, Markle.

Services are at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Bruce R. Myers officiating. Burial will be in Markle Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Indiana Room of the Huntington City-Township Public Library.

Judith Ann Rupright, 62

A daughter of Mary Jane Nave of Bluffton, Judith Ann (Langel) Rupright, 62, of Huntington died at 4:15 p.m. Saturday, April 8, 2006, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Noble County.

Judith Rupright

Mrs. Rupright worked at Kids Kampus Day Care in Huntington. She had been a resident of Huntington County since 1963.

Born Jan. 5, 1944, in Bluffton, she was a 1962 graduate of East Rockcreek High School. She was married in Clearwater, Fla., to Harold Rupright, who survives.

Other survivors, in addition to her mother in Bluffton, include a sister, Patti Langel of Bluffton; a brother, Thomas Langel of Pinellas Park, Fla.; stepbrothers Michael Nave of Auburn, Pat Nave of Montpelier, Lloyd Nave of Syracuse and Donald Nave of South Whitley; and an aunt, Betty Dunahoo of Bluffton.

She was preceded in death by her father, Harvey Thomas Langel in 1960.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Gene Bell officiating.

Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

Preferred memorials are to Kids Kampus Day Care or Angel of Hope Memorial Park.

Thomas L. Double, 56

A Wells County native, Thomas L. Double, 56, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, April 8, 2006, at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Double was a supervisor at Sheller-Globe for 10 years. He also was a security guard for Recon Truck Center, New Haven, for 10 years.

Born April 17, 1949, in Wells County, he was a son of Robert and Ruth Cook Double.

Survivors include a sister, Carol Gronewold of Fort Wayne; and his companion, Iris Lang of Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian. There are no services.

Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian.

Preferred memorials are to Park Center, Fort Wayne.

Anita M. Carpenter, 77

A sister of two Tocsin residents, Anita M. Carpenter, 77, of Decatur died at 5:30 a.m. Monday, April 10, 2006, at her residence.

Mrs. Carpenter was a homemaker and also had been employed at the General Electric plant in Decatur. She was a member of Zion United Church of Christ, Decatur.

Anita Carpenter

Born April 28, 1928, in Tocsin, she was a daughter of William and Alvena (Dible) Lindemann, and she graduated from Ossian High School. Her marriage on Dec. 13, 1958, in Bluffton was to Wayne R. Carpenter, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Jan (Vicki) Nussbaum of Monroe; three sons, Eric Gehrig of Fort Wayne, and Bill Carpenter and Chris Carpenter, both of Decatur; two sisters, Mrs. Gene (Jackie) Dettmer of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Larry (Sue) Kumfer of Tocsin; a brother, David Lindemann of Tocsin; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Howard Gehrig; and two brothers, Chad and Jerry Lindemann.

Services are at 10 a.m. Thursday at Zion United Church of Christ, Decatur, with Rev. Randy Rossman officiating.

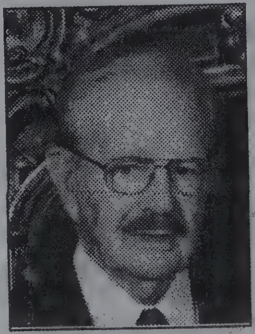
Calling is from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home and one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday.

Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Zion United Church of Christ.

Lloyd W. Martin, 90

Lloyd W. Martin, 90, of Warren died at 9:35 p.m. Saturday, April 8, 2006, at United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren.


Lloyd Martin

Mr. Martin had been personnel manager for Pratt-Whitney Corporation in West Palm Beach, Fla. He and his wife had moved back to Warren in 2000.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Doug Sharrard officiating.

Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington.

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John R. Yerman, 69

John R. "Big John" Yerman, 69, of Warren died Sunday, April 9, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Yerman had worked as a delivery driver at Fort Wayne Auto Auction. He was a U.S. Marine Corp veteran and was a 25-year member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Survivors include two sisters, Wilma LaCook at Barberton, Ohio, and Judy Hayes of Arnoldsburg, W.Va.; a brother, Bill Hodgkinson of Barberton; and his companion, Linda Larkey of Warren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 6 to 9 p.m. today and one hour prior to services on Wednesday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Travis J. Hummer, 27

Travis J. Hummer, 27, of Bluffton died at 7:11 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. He had been ill four years with Hodgkin's disease.

Mr. Hummer had worked at Pretzels Inc. for one year and had served in the Indiana National Guard for two years.

Travis Hummer

A lifelong resident of Wells County, he was born March 4, 1979, in Bluffton, and attended Bluffton High School.

Survivors include three children, April Hummer of Berne, Austin Hummer of New Haven and Traxten Hummer of Bluffton; his mother, Debra (Paxson) Hummer of Marion; his father, James E. Hummer of Bluffton; siblings Aaron Thomas of San Francisco, Brooke Hummer of Bluffton and Kelli Hummer of Redkey; grandmothers Lucille Hummer of Portland and Carrie Paxson of Dunkirk.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Services are at 4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor David Henry officiating.

Cremation will follow the funeral service. Preferred memorials are to the family or Fort Wayne Oncology & Hematology.

Robert C. O'Brien, 82

A former Bluffton businessman, Robert Cullins O'Brien, 82, died April 2, 2006, in Baltimore, where he had resided the past 38 years.

While living in Bluffton, he operated The Hideaway restaurant and tavern on West Market Street for several years with his mother and brother. He was employed in construction work while in Baltimore.

Mr. O'Brien was a veteran of World War II, and he was a member of American Legion Post 111 and the Moose and Elks lodges while living in Bluffton.

Born Aug. 27, 1923, in Flemingsburg, Ky., he was a son of Daisy Lee and Kelly O'Brien Sr. He and his wife, the former Evelyn G. Hoffman, who survives, had been married 36 years.

Other survivors include his brother, Kelly O'Brien Jr. of Fort Wayne; four stepchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an older brother, George O'Brien, who died in World War II.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Baltimore.

Burial with military rites was in Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens, near Baltimore.

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Clarice M. Isch, 91

Clarice M. Isch, 91, of Bluffton died at 7:20 a.m. Friday, April 14, 2006, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Mrs. Isch was a third grade teacher at Lancaster School for more than 25 years. She was a graduate of St. Francis College, and she was a member of Apostolic Christian Church.

Born on Nov. 13, 1914, in Roanoke, Ill., she was a daughter of Ezra and Anna Leman Mangold. Her marriage on June 1, 1941, in Roanoke, Ill., was to Harry Isch, who survives.

Clarice M. Isch

Other survivors include a son, Dr. John H. Isch of Carmel; two daughters, Mrs. Keith (Catherine) Steffen of Washington, Ill.; and Mrs. William (Constance) Witzig of Indianapolis; siblings Willis Mangold of Leipic, Ohio, and Melba Mangold of Eureka, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Ann Catherine; and siblings Marvin, Harley, Clarence, Madeline and Wilma Mangold.

Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bluffton North Apostolic Christian Church with Mark Gerber and Nile Bucher officiating.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday and 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Burial will be in Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Christian Care Retirement Community or the American Cancer Society.

Jane A. Jones, 57

Jane A. Jones, 57, of rural Liberty Center died Thursday, April 13, 2006, at her residence.

Born on Aug. 12, 1948, in Hillsdale, Mich., she was a daughter of Robert and O. Helen Gordon Jones. She was a member of Seventh Day Adventist Church, Marion.

Survivors include several cousins.

Graveside services are at 2 p.m. Monday at Mossburg Cemetery, Liberty Center, with Peter Neri officiating. There is no visitation.

Preferred memorials are to Adventist Development and Relief.

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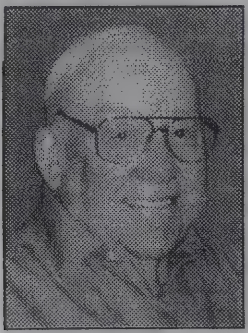
Lowell C. Hasler, 87

Former Wells County Commissioner Lowell Clarence Hasler, 87, of Uniondale, died at 6:20 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2006 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills, Mich.

Born in Knightstown on May 3, 1918 to Elmer and Zena Harlan Hasler, he married Ruth Gise on Jan. 9, 1949 in Indianapolis; she survives.


Lowell Hasler

After graduating from Rock Creek High School in 1936, he joined the Army Air Corps in June, 1941 and served as a B-17 bombardier in the 8th Air Force during World War II. While stationed in England, his plane was shot down over Poland, resulting in Mr. Hasler being a POW in Germany from October, 1943 until May, 1945. He served in the Air Force Reserve for 27 1/2 years, retiring as a Lt. Colonel. He was a member of the American Legion Post 111 in Bluffton and the Air Force Association.

A farmer, Mr. Hasler served as a county commissioner from 1965-1969, and was an active member of the Uniondale United Methodist Church.

Other survivors include two sons, Edward Hasler of Plymouth, Mich. and Steven Hasler of Adell, Wisc.; a daughter, Margaret Hasler of Farmington Hills, Mich.; a brother, Dale Hasler of Santa Claus; a sister, Doris Hasler of Indianapolis; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

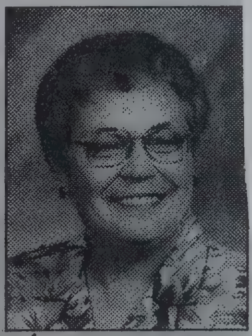
Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with Pastor Troy Drayer officiating. Calling hours are Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. and Wednesday for one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be in Horeb Cemetery near Uniondale, with military graveside honors performed by the American Legion. Preferred memorials are to the church or the donor's choice.

R. Maxine Freiburger, 70

R. Maxine Freiburger, 70, of Ossian, died at 8:49 p.m. Saturday, April 15, 2006 at her home.

Born in Connersville, Ind. on March 23, 1936 to Jacob F. and Fern Brake Gephart, she married Thomas A. Freiburger on Feb. 27, 1954 in Yoder. He died May 28, 1998.


Maxine Freiburger

A 1953 graduate of Central Catholic High School, she was a bus driver with Northern Wells Schools for 31 years. She was a member of the St. Aloysious Catholic Church.

Survivors include a son, Thomas A. Frieburger, Jr. of Ossian; five daughters, Mrs. Ron (Cindy) Todd of Ossian, Mrs. Jay (Deb) Gerber and Mrs. Blaine (Jane) Imel, both of Bluffton, Mrs. Brian (Janice) Scheumann of Ossian, and Mrs. Tim (Cheryl) Lichtsinn of Uniondale; two sisters, Mrs. Melvin (Melberta) Grace of Eustis, Fla., and Mrs. Denver (Edna) Weikel of Yoder; 22 grandchildren; and one great grandchild. She was preceded in death by a brother, William Gephart, and two sisters, JoAnn Ansberry and Geraldine Gephart.

Calling hours at Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton are Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 1 to 8 p.m., with a recitation of the Rosary at 7:30 p.m. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Aloysious Catholic Church in Yoder. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the church or to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Audrey Kennedy, 96

A former teacher in Wells County, Audrey O. Kennedy, 96, died Sunday, April 16, 2006 at the Americare Living Center in Portland.

Born November 25, 1909 in Jay County to Ira and Madge (Letts) Beard, she received a bachelor's degree from Ball State Teachers College in 1957.

She was a school teacher in Oklahoma for 14 years, taught in Madison Township at Poling High School, and she retired from Northern Wells Schools as a librarian in 1979.

Survivors include a daughter, Ryndia Steveson of Bellefountain; a sister, Mildred "Skippy" Smith of Portland; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the I.O.O.F. Twin Hill Cemetery, Pennville.

Calling hours are Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. Memorials may be directed to the Jay County Historical Society.

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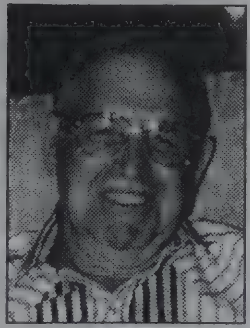
Charles J. Bedwell, 86

Charles J. Bedwell, 86, a former resident of the Pennville and Montpelier areas, died at 9:10 a.m. Sunday, April 16, 2006 at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Born in Blackford County on Nov. 28, 1919 to Charles A. and Olive Blount Bedwell, he married Martha Griffith on Aug. 28, 1959 in Montpelier; she died Jan. 6, 2003.

A farmer, he had worked at J&K Stone Co. in Montpelier and retired from Gripco-Montpelier in 1982. He has served on the board of directors for the Brookside and IOOF Cemeteries since 1986. He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Montpelier.

Survivors include a son, Rollin Bedwell of New Albany; two sisters, Geraldine Carnes of Largo, Fla., and Mildred Smith of Lafayette; two grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four sisters, three brothers and one grandson.


Charles Bedwell

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Glancy Funeral Home, Walker Chapel in Montpelier. Calling hours there are Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery in Montpelier.

James W. Haupert, 67

The husband of the former Carol Sue Lund, who has relatives in Wells County, James W. Haupert, 67, rural Wabash, died Saturday, April 15, 2006 at Millers Merry Manor in Wabash.

Other survivors include three daughters, a brother, and four grandchildren. Services are scheduled for Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash, with calling there Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. and for one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

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John W. McBride, 86

A former superintendent of Northern Wells Community Schools, John W. McBride, 86, of rural Uniondale died at 5:20 a.m. Sunday, April 16, 2006, at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation.

John McBride

Mr. McBride served as superintendent from 1970 until 1985. He held a master's degree from Ball State University.

A U.S. Army veteran with service during World War II, he was a member of Assembly of God, Bluffton, and the Lions Club and Full Gospel Society.

Born on March 23, 1920, in Gilmore, Ind., he was a son of Ralph and Hattie (Williams) McBride. His marriage on Nov. 26, 1977, in Swayzee was to Shirley (Coon) McBride, who survives.

Other survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Les (Carolyn) Newman of Linton, Ind., Mrs. Don (Debra) Adams of Huntington and Mrs. Van (Janice) Huntman of Port St. Lucy, Ill.; a son, Mark Russell of Uniondale; three sisters, Mrs. Herman (Inez) Funk of Linton, Mrs. Dick (Betty) Stevenson of Jasonville, Ind., and Mrs. Colen (Ruth) Whitlock of Farmersburg, Ind.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Dr. Gene Bell and Pastor Wayne Ball officiating.

Burial will be in Thrailkill Cemetery, Swayzee, with graveside services at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

Preferred memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or Community Christian Church.

Charles O. Wisel, 93

The father of Mrs. Joe (Barbara Jean) Hanauer of Markle, Charles O. Wisel, 93, died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at River Terrace Estates, Bluffton.

Mr. Wisel was a lifelong farmer in Lafayette Township of Allen County. He also worked at the Indiana Highway Department and retired from Essex Wire in 1985.

He was a member of the Essex Quarter Century Club, and was a 50-year member of the Roanoke Masonic Lodge. He attended Fort Wayne Business College.

Born on Jan. 1, 1913, in Churubusco, he was a lifelong member of Monson Chapel United Methodist Church.

Survivors, in addition to the daughter in Markle, include two other daughters, Mrs. Hans (Jacqueline) Seela of Waverly, Ohio, and Sarasota, Fla., and Mrs. Lane (Jolene) Netherland of Lawton, Okla.; two sons, Jerome Wisel of Roanoke and John Wisel of Carmel; two sisters, Geraldine Reddin of Roanoke and Hillis Colchin of Decatur; two brothers, Robert Wisel of Roanoke and Kenneth Wisel of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Lucille Wisel, in 2001.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Monson Chapel United Methodist Church, Roanoke.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funeral Homes, Fort Wayne, and one-half hour prior to services Friday at the church. A Masonic service will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Churubusco.

Preferred memorials are to Monson Chapel United Methodist Church.

Virginia L. Slagle, 76

A cook at United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren, for 17 years, Virginia L. Slagle, 76, died at 3:45 a.m. today, April 18, 2006, at Millers Merry Manor, Huntington.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Michael W. Malone officiating. Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington.

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Nellie Pauline Fulton, 94

A Bluffton native, Nellie Pauline Fulton, 94, of Wabash died at 9:25 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Wabash.

Mrs. Fulton was a homemaker and also ran Fulton Dairy in Huntington with her husband for several years. She was a former member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntington, the Huntington County Chorus and the Huntington County Home Extension Club.

Born on Aug. 22, 1911, in Bluffton, she was a daughter of Henry N. and Etta M. (Mettert) Sprowl. Her marriage on Oct. 22, 1936, in Huntington was to Robert H. Fulton, who preceded her in death on April 11, 1988.

Survivors include several stepgrandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a stepson, Jack W. Fulton; four sisters; and two brothers.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel.

Services are at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Rev. Tim Prater officiating.

Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Huntington. Preferred memorials are to Wabash Miami County Hospice.

Irene I. Shook, 82

A native of Bluffton, Irene I. Shook, 82, of Marion died Monday, April 17, 2006, in Rolling Meadows Health Center, LaFontaine.

Mrs. Shook was a homemaker and also worked at Hook Drug store in Marion, Foster Forbes Glass Co. in Marion and as a nursing aide at Marion General Hospital. She attended Grace Community Church, Marion, and was a member of its Ladies Support Group.

Born on April 4, 1924, in Bluffton, she was a daughter of Howard and Bertha (Mowery) Warner. Her marriage on Sept. 7, 1942, in Sweetser was to Herman Shook, who preceded her in death in 1991.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Terry (Patricia) Swagger of San Antonio; a son, Michael G. Shook of Marion; a sister, Mrs. Jim (Judith) Babb of Marion; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Wayne Shook in 1961; and her stepfather; Henry Clay Shanks.

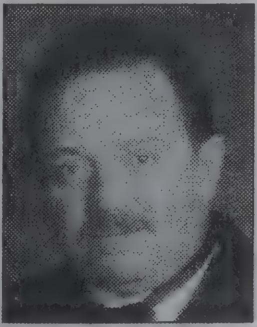
Services are at 2 p.m. Thursday at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, Van Buren, with Dr. Tom Mansbarger officiating.

Calling is from 11 a.m. until the time of services Thursday at he funeral home.

Burial will be in Van Buren Cemetery.

Robert B. Enochs Sr., 51

A former Montpelier resident, Robert B. Enochs Sr., 51, died at 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at his rural Portland residence.


Robert B. Enochs Sr.

Mr. Enochs formerly worked for the City of Montpelier. He also was a route deliveryman for the Portland Commercial Review and had routes in Bryant, Geneva and New Corydon. He formerly attended Montpelier Assembly of God.

Born June 18, 1954, in Blackford County, he was a son of Harley S. and Hope E. (McDirmet) Enochs. He attended Roll and Montpelier schools. His marriage on Dec. 31, 1999, in Indianapolis was to Jessica Byrley Enochs, who survives.

Other survivors include daughters Jennifer R. Enochs of Upland, Miranda Enochs of Valparaiso, Rachael Coy of Berne and Roxane Coy of Portland; sons Robert B. Enochs Jr. of Montpelier, Jason L. Enochs of Petroleum, and Alfred Coy, Jacob Coy and Jonathan Coy, all of Portland; two brothers, Vern M. Enochs of Decatur and Harley Enochs Jr. of Hartford City; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ben Enochs.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier.

A Celebration of Life is at 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with Rev. William Coy Sr. officiating.

Preferred memorials are to the family for funeral expenses.

Walter R. Zaugg, 85

Walter R. Zaugg, 85, a former Tocsin-area resident, died Sunday, April 16, 2006, at Convoy Care Center, Convoy, Ohio.

Mr. Zaugg was a grain truck driver for the former Tocsin Elevator and also drove a bulk fuel truck for Phillips 66 in Bluffton.

Born on July 3, 1920, in Wells County, he was a son of Ervin and Flossie Essner Zaugg. His marriage on Aug. 11, 1952, in Muncie was to Shirley R. (Foster) Zaugg, who survives and resides in Convoy.

Other survivors include a daughter, Barbara J. Grogg of Convoy; two sisters, Betty Myers and Dorothy Zaugg, both of Ossian; a brother, Robert Zaugg of Ossian; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Helen Cummins; and a son, Raymond Miller.

Services are at 3 p.m. Saturday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian.

Calling will be from 2 p.m. until the time of services Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian. Preferred memorials are to Convoy Care Center, Convoy.

Lola W. Schreiber, 100

Lola W. Schreiber, 100, Bluffton, died at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 16, 2006 at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Lola Schreiber

Born in Grand Rapids, Mich. on Oct. 29, 1905 to Luther and Carrie Chase Macy, she married C. Edwin Schreiber on July 11, 1930 in Grand Rapids; he died March 1, 1993.

A homemaker, she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bluffton, the Bluffton Garden Club, Progressive Club and Ladies of the Elks.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Hugh (Marilyn) Gidding of Venice, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Jean Bohley of Middleville, Mich.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mrs. Carole Gibeau.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton, with Mark Clough officiating. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Preferred memorials to Christian Care Retirement Community.

Dee Hardin Baker, 59

Services for Dee Hardin Baker, 59, rural Warren, will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Glancy Funeral Homes, Warren; he died April 19, 2006 at his residence.

Born in Huntington County on Dec. 14, 1946 to Devoe and Vera Hardin Baker, he worked at Wayne Metals in Markle for several years, and was a self-employed welder and owner of Baker Fabrication in Warren. He was a graduate of Jefferson High School in Huntington County and was a veteran.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Larry (Anita) Sharpe and Mrs. David (Bridget) Swaidner, both of Warren; and three grandchildren.

Calling hours are Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in Star of Hope Cemetery in Huntington.

Madge Nuckols, 77

Madge Nuckols, 77, rural Bryant, died Thursday morning, April 20, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include her husband, Herbert Nuckols of Bryant; a daughter, Linda Kay Fisher of Bryant; four brothers, a sister; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, with visitation there Friday from 1 to 7 p.m. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

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William Hockenberry, 50, First Wells County Traffic Victim of 2006

By GLEN WERLING
and MARK MILLER

Wells County's first traffic fatality in 2006 occurred at 6:41 p.m. Wednesday at the intersection of SR 116 and CR 300 W. Declared dead at the scene of the two-vehicle crash was William J. Hockenberry, 50, rural Uniondale.

Investigating officers were ot certain whether Hockenber- y, who was northbound on CR 00 W, stopped at the intersec- ion, but they are certain that he ailed to yield the right of way o David J. Boots, 39, of rural luffton, who was eastbound on R 116. Boots reported that he ied to stop but was unable to void the collision. Both were iving pickup trucks. The col- sion forced both vehicles to ave the intersection and enter field on the northeast corner of e intersection.

The Boots vehicle continued to the field, while Hockenber- s truck rolled over when it the ditch. Hockenberry was cted from the vehicle.

"We assume the vehicle rolled over on him, because he suffered massive chest injuries," reported the investigating officer, Wells County deputy sheriff Jeff McClish. "We know that the motion threw him out of the truck."

Boots suffered only minor injuries, but a passenger in his truck, his 8-year-old son Kyler Boots, suffered a head injury that was later diagnosed as a fractured skull. Officers believe his head struck the passenger side window upon impact.

Both Kyler and David Boots were wearing their seat belts; officers do not believe Hockenberry was wearing his, although they were not able to determine that with certainty.

Kyler Boots was airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he was reported to be in stable condition in the Pediatric ICU.

The initial report of the accident was called in by a passerby, who indicated that the Boots child was ejected. This not only turned out to be erroneous, but the boy had to be freed from the vehicle by the Markle Fire Department rescue squad.

The Uniondale Fire Department First Responders were the first unit on the scene. Their attempts to restore vital signs to Hockenberry were unsuccessful. Both Wells County Coroner Doug Cale and deputy coroner Kent Gilbert were at the scene.

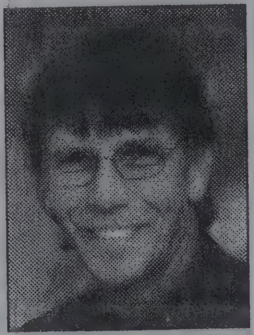
Boots was driving a 1999 GMC 1500 Extended Cab pickup truck; Hockenberry was driving a 1997 Chevrolet 2500 pickup truck. Both vehicles were listed as a total loss. The accident caused the closing of both SR 116 and CR 300 W for about an hour, McClish reported.

McClish was assisted in his investigation by fellow county officers Curt Powell, Monte Fisher and Sheriff Barry Story, Indiana State Police officers Matt Teusch and Shane Neuenschwander, and Markle Town Marshal John Markley.

ON THE SCENE - Members of the Markle Fire Department work to free 8-year-old Kyler Boots from his father's vehicle Wednesday evening. The boy was subsequently airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne with head injuries from the 6:41 p.m. crash at SR 116 and CR 300W. He is reported to be in stable condition Thursday morning. (News-Banner Photo by Geoff Frank)

William J. Hockenberry, 50

William J. Hockenberry, 50, rural Uniondale, died at 6:41 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2006 as the result of injuries sustained in a vehicular accident at County Road 300W and Ind. 116.



William Hockenberry

Born in Bluffton on April 28, 1955 to Thomas and Rosalee Kirkwood Hockenberry, he married Brenda S. Burchett on July 19, 1975 in Bluffton; she survives.

Mr. Hockenberry attended Southern Wells High School and was in the U.S. Marines. He was employed at G & L Cord for 20 years and was a member of the Teamsters Local 414 and American Legion Post 111.

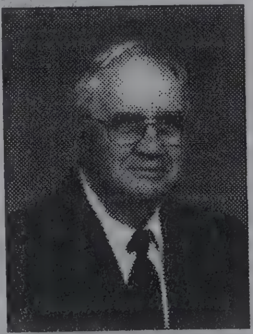
Other survivors include his parents of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Mrs. Scott (Rejena) Bluhm of Decatur and Mrs. Gary (Billie) Hickman of Markle; a son, Daniel Hockenberry of Minot, S.D.; three brothers, Randy Hockenberry of Fort Wayne, Steve Hockenberry of Hoagland, and Tom Hockenberry of Monroeville; two sisters, Mrs. Linda Masterson of Geneva and Mrs. Karen Newman of Fort Wayne; his grandparents, Paul and Mabel Poiry of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Sheryl Thieme.

Calling hours will be Monday from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton. Services will be held there Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., with Rev. Joe Haney officiating.

Burial will be in the Horeb Cemetery, Uniondale. American Legion Post 111 will perform graveside rites. Preferred memorials are to the family.

Robert E. Eichhorn, 91

Services for Robert E. Eichhorn, 91, rural Bluffton, will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Mr. Eichhorn died at 5:40 p.m. Friday, April 21, 2006 at River Terrace Estates.



Robert Eichhorn

Born in Bluffton on Nov. 14, 1914 to John and Emma Schoonover Eichhorn, he married Mary Jane Bailey on Nov. 20, 1937 in Bluffton; she died Oct. 25, 1996.

A 1931 graduate of Lancaster High School, he was a farmer. He was a member of the 1st Reformed Church of Bluffton and the Farm Bureau.

Survivors include a son, Jim Eichhorn of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Mrs. Richard (Joan) Morris of Bluffton; a sister, Mrs. Betty Kunkle of Bluffton; a brother, Elco Eichhorn of Florida; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Calling hours are Sunday from 12 noon until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Dr. Gene Bell will officiate at the services Monday. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery, rural Bluffton. Preferred memorials are to the church.

Vivian Marie Baumgartner - Infant

Vivian Marie Baumgartner was stillborn at 5:29 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include the parents, Mark and Grace Edington Baumgartner of Bluffton; a sister, Ava Katherine Baumgartner at home; maternal grandparents, Tom and Michelle Edington of Ellettsville and Becky and Larry Weldy of Riverton, Utah; paternal grandparents, Tom and Marilyn Baumgartner of Ossian; and maternal great-grandparents, Phebe Edington of Bluffton, and Barbara Pfister of Bluffton.

A private family graveside service will be held at Six Mile Cemetery, with Pastor Bud Abrams officiating. There is no calling. Memorials may be made to the Angel of Hope Memorial Park. Arrangements are being handled by Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton.

Anna L. Julian, 97

Anna L. Julian, 97, Bluffton, died at 11:40 a.m. Friday, April 21, 2006 at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Anna Julian

Born in Wells County on Feb. 4, 1909 to Charles and Mary Barwiler Hesher, she married Arthur Earhart in May 1933; he died in May 1943. She married Elmer Julian on May 5, 1962; he died Sept. 10, 1988.

She was a member of the 1st Reformed Church of Bluffton and retired from Indiana Bell Telephone in 1974 after 31 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ivan (Donna) Breedlove of Bluffton; a stepdaughter, Mrs. James (Janice) Anderson of Craigville; three grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and seven stepgreat-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a stepson, Jim Julian; and a sister, Martha Crumley.

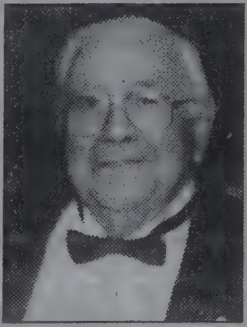
Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with Dr. Gene Bell officiating. Calling hours there are Sunday from noon until 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the church or Christian Care Retirement Community.

Glen D. Dunn, 87

Former Liberty Township Trustee Glen D. Dunn, 87, died Saturday, April 22, 2006 at Markle Health Care.

Born in Lancaster Township on May 2, 1918 to Wilbur and Mabel Graham Dunn, he married Mona Jean Baller on June 22, 1964 in New Haven; she died Oct. 15, 1999.


Glen Dunn

A farmer, he had served on the school board for Liberty Township and Southern Wells Community Schools in addition to being the Liberty Township Trustee. He was a past-Governor for the Moose Lodge, and played and officiated in independent basketball for over 20 years.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Robert (Trudy) Captain of Bluffton, Mrs. Rochelle Trimble of Killingsworth, Conn., Mrs. David (Glenda) Goeglein of Greeley, Colo., and Mrs. Lyn McPherson of Albuquerque, N.M.; 14 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

There will be no calling. A memorial service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton, with Rev. Steve Bard officiating. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Moose Heart.

Opal Combs, 96

A former resident of Montpelier, Opal Combs, 96, died at 9:20 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 2006 at North Woods Village in Kokomo.

Opal Combs

Born in Montpelier on Oct. 4, 1909 to Elija and Alice Gaskill Hammond, she had worked at RCA in Marion, the Montpelier Glove Factory and was a water meter reader for the city of Montpelier before moving to Greentown in 1977. She was a member of the Meridian St. Christian Church in Greentown.

She is survived by three grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert E. "Duck" Combs, who died Dec. 2, 1979; a son, Robert Combs; and a brother, Arthur Hammond.

There will be no calling. Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Montpelier. Arrangements are being handled by Glancy Funeral Homes, Walker Chapel in Montpelier.

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Kenneth E. Trout, 87

Kenneth E. Trout, 87, of Warren died at 5:25 p.m. Sunday, April 23, 2006, at United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren.

Mr. Trout worked at Fisher Body in Marion for 20 years, retiring in 1962. He also was a farmer in Huntington County and was a member of First Baptist Church in Warren for 77 years.

Born on Dec. 9, 1918, in Warren, he was a son of Harley E. and Ethel (Bennett) Trout, and he was a 1937 graduate of Warren High School. His marriage on April 27, 1941, in Mt. Etna was to Mary L. (Dearth) Trout, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Daniel (Darlene E.) Shelley of Fishers; a son, Larry D. Trout of WarnerRobins, Ga.; a sister, Rose Marie Trout of Toledo, Ohio; three brothers, J. Harold Trout and Roger D. Trout, both of Warren, and Robert L. Trout of Warsaw; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, M. Ladyle; and a brother, Dwight B. Trout.

Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday, at First Baptist Church, Warren. Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren. Preferred memorials are to First Baptist Church Organ Fund or to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, Berne.

Milton Robbins, 79

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday for Milton Robbins, 79, of rural Montpelier, who died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005.

Milton Robbins

The service will be held at Living Water Youth Center, Reiffsburg, with Rev. Robert Bothast officiating. The location is the former Reiffsburg United Methodist Church.

Mr. Robbins was a lifelong farmer and welder and had worked in the maintenance departments of several local factories. He attended Living Water United Methodist Church.

He was born April 28, 1926, in Henry County to Oscar C. and Grace G. (Fulke) Robbins. His marriage on Aug. 3, 1949, in Grant County was to Ellen (Kilgore), who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Denny (Linda Borror and Dr. Tammy (James) Dunmoyer, both of Bluffton a son, Jim Robbins of Bluffton; a brother, Walter Robbins o Yorktown; five grandchildren; and three great-granddaughters. He was preceded in death by three sisters and a brother.

Preferred memorials are to the family for college funds for the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Goodwin Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Max E. McShurley, 79

A longtime Bluffton businessman, Max E. McShurley, 79, of rural Bluffton, died at 6:51 p.m. Monday, April 24, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Max McShurley

Mr. McShurley was involved for more than 30 years with Miller/Jones Shoes Co., owning his own store in the 100 block of West Market Street for years. He worked for Franklin Electric Co. for 17 years, and also worked as a funeral director's assistant for 15 years at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Born on March 4, 1927, in Cadiz, Ind., he was a son of Floyd and Ruby (Pearson) McShurley. He was a New Castle High School graduate and he was a U.S. Army veteran with service during World War II. He had attended St. Joseph Catholic Church.

His marriage on Aug. 30, 1946, in Muncie was to Christine Robinson, who survives.

He was preceded in death by a son, Steven K. McShurley, who died in 1998; a sister, Helen Wiggins; and a brother, Floyd McShurley Jr.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Services are at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery, with graveside services by American Legion Post 111. Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

Harold F. Stoppenhagen, 94

Harold F. Stoppenhagen, 94, of Ossian died Sunday, April 23, 2006, at Ossian Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Harold Stoppenhagen

Mr. Stoppenhagen was a lifelong Wells County farmer. He also was a tool and die maker at International Harvester, retiring in 1978 after 25 years. He attended Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Born on Feb. 9, 1912, in Wells County, he was a son of Charles and Lydia Fackler Stoppenhagen. His marriage on April 9, 1939, in Allen County was to Marie M. Busse, who preceded him in death on June 26, 1981.

Survivors include seven sons, Loren, Dean and Dale, all of Ossian, Larry, Lynn and Lee, all of Fort Wayne, and Dr. David Stoppenhagen of Aiken, S.C.; a sister, Bernice Berning of Decatur; two brothers, Marvin and Edwin Stoppenhagen, both of Ossian; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Irene Buuck.

Services are at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with Pastor William R. Brege officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian, and also one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Burial will be in Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or to the donor's choice.

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Richard Woods, 69, Killed in Crash of Experimental Plane

Craft Goes Down in Huntington County

From AP and N-B Staff Reports

An autopsy was scheduled for today for Richard E Woods, 69, of rural Markle, who was killed in the crash of an experimental airplane in Huntington County Monday.

Woods died instantly in the 3:30 p.m. crash in a field surrounded by a wooded area on 300N east of Broadway St. on Huntington's east side. The crash occurred within a half mile of Lincoln Elementary School.

Resident Jim Mitchell told an Indiana State Police investigator he was watching the plane when he heard its engine accelerate sharply. The plane then went into a swirling dive and disappeared behind a line of trees.

The plane struck the ground, and rolled into a ball for about 25 to 30 feet.

The craft was similar to an ultralight but differed in that Woods was enclosed by a frame with plastic windows.

Woods had no identification on him at the time of the crash.

Investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration were on the scene Monday evening probing into more evidence of what may have caused the crash.

Funeral arrangements for Woods are pending at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel.

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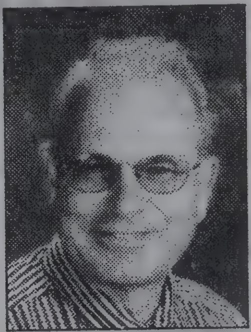
Richard E. Woods, 69

Richard E. "Rich" Woods, 69, of Markle died at 3:32 p.m. Monday, April 24, 2006, from a heart attack while piloting his aircraft in Huntington County.

Mr. Woods was an inventor and entrepreneur with more than 50 patents to his credit. He founded and led the not-for-profit organization, Alternate Energy Educational Program since the early 1980s.


Richard Woods

He held a bachelor's degree in industrial design and engineering from the University of Cincinnati. He was a contract teacher of electronics and robotics at Norwell High School for 13 years and also was a guest lecturer at the University of Cincinnati.

Mr. Woods was an avid pilot, building and flying his own sport-utility aircraft. He was a member of the Markle United Methodist Church, where he served for more than 40 years as a Sunday School teacher. He also was a lay witness missionary.

Born on Oct. 4, 1936, in Springfield, Ohio, he was a son of Charles Larkin and Goldie Ann (Hiney) Woods. His marriage on June 27, 1958, in Springfield was to Kathleen "Kay" Kreider, who survives.

Other survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Brian (Jannette) Reynolds of Cary, N.C., Mrs. Jason (Cheryl) Yager of Huntertown and Mrs. Ryan (Rachelle) Sherer of Huntingburg; a son, Kipp Woods of Huntington; a brother, Chuck Woods of Dayton, Ohio; and 12 grandchildren.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Markle United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Markle United Methodist Church with Rev. Kaye Patton and Rev. Tim Dilley officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Markle United Methodist Church or to the Richard Woods' Grandchildren's Education Fund.

Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel, is in charge of the arrangements.

Merlin W. Inniger, 78

A retired missionary, Merlin W. "Merle" Inninger, 78, of Berne died Monday morning, April 24, 2006, at Adams Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Inniger and his wife had served as missionaries in Pakistan and India from 1954 to 1992. He also served as a Bible professor in Pakistan and was a summer director of the Swiss Heritage Society and served on its board of directors. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of First Missionary Church.

Survivors include his wife, the former Gloria Meyer; a daughter, Laura Inniger of Indianapolis; a son, James Inniger of Berne; and seven grandchildren.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Missionary Church. Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church. Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery.

Melba Rusher, 86

Melba Rusher, 86, of Berne died at 2:50 p.m. Monday, April 24, 2006, at Adams Memorial Hospital, Decatur.

Mrs. Rusher was a homemaker and a longtime active member of Spring Hill Missionary Church, rural Berne. She assisted her husband in ministry for 26 years.

Melba Rusher

Born on July 10, 1919, in Huntington, she was a daughter of Jesse and Goldie (Webb) Robbins. Her marriage on March 17, 1940, in Fort Wayne was to Rev. Leroy Rusher, who preceded her in death on April 11, 1977.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Ron (Rebecca) Reynolds of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mrs. Kendall (Deborah) Lehman of Berne; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Gerald, Charles, George and Jack Robbins.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at Spring Hill Missionary Church with Pastor Gene Wilson and Pastor Jim Robbins officiating.

Calling is from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church. Burial will be in Spring Hill/Backesto Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Biblical Learning Center.

Elizabeth Kelly, 95

A former Bluffton resident, Elizabeth (Betty) French Kelly, 95, died March 28, 2006, in St. Charles, Mo.

Mrs. Kelly was born Jan. 15, 1911, in New Castle. Her marriage on Thanksgiving Day 1934 was to Arthur L. Kelly of Bluffton. They resided in Bluffton until 1948 when Arthur was transferred by General Electric to Columbus, Ohio.

She was a graduate of DePauw University, and was active with her church, Maple Grove Methodist, and was a 40-year volunteer for Riverside Methodist Hospital.

Survivors include three children, Arthur F. Kelley of Grants Pass, Ore., J. Steven Kelly of Chicago and Patricia Joan (Kelly) Peters of St. Charles; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on May 27 at Maple Grove Methodist Church.

Preferred memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or Riverside Methodist Hospital of Columbus, Ohio.

Lois L. Booher, 86

Lois L. Booher, 86, of Warren died at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren.

Mrs. Booher worked at Appliance Manufacturing in Van Buren for 30 years, retiring in 1976. She was a lifelong resident of the Warren community and she attended Boehmer United Methodist Church.

Lois Booher

Born on Aug. 27, 1919, in Huntington County, she was a daughter of Webster J. and Mildred L. (Shafer) Thompson, and attended Warren High School. Her marriage in 1974 in Warren was to Lawrence E. Booher, who preceded her in death on Nov. 18, 1981.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Glen "Jerry" (Agatha) Eubank of Syracuse, Ind.; a son, Rex Cloud of Georgetown, Texas; a stepson, Charles Booher of Warren; two sisters, Ruby Irick and Elizabeth Bolinger, both of Warren; two brothers, Wayne Thompson of Muscatine, Iowa, and Wendell Thompson of Warren; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Sybil Lashley; and three brothers, Elijah, Ned and John Thompson.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at United Methodist Memorial Home. Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the home with Pastor Barry Humble officiating. Burial will be in Thompson Home Cemetery, Warren.

Preferred memorials are to Boehmer United Methodist Church, rural Liberty Center. Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren, is in charge of the arrangements.

Ruth C. Butcher, 88

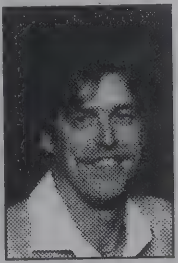
Ruth Butcher

Ruth C. Butcher, 88, of Portland died at 1:40 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at Americare Living Center, Portland. Survivors include several Berne- and Geneva-area residents.

Calling is from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva, with services at noon that day at the funeral home. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Geneva.

James R. West, 45

James R. West, 45, died at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at his residence in Geneva from complications of diabetes and Crohn's disease.



James West

Mr. West was employed at Red Gold in Geneva and formerly at Micro Precision in Berne. He was a graduate of Jay County High School, and attended Cross Community Church, Berne.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva. Services are at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Pennville I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

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Rex E. Swaim, 64

Rex E. Swaim, 64, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Swaim was retired from Tokheim Corporation as a tool and die maker. He was past master of the Masonic Lodge, Ossian Lodge; past patron of the Eastern Star, Trinity Chapter, and he attended the Methodist Church.

Born on Feb. 14, 1942, in Fort Wayne, he was a son of James E. and Lucile Haiflich Swaim.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia "Pat" Swaim of Fort Wayne; two sons, Tech. Sgt. Kent E. Swaim of Dayton, Ohio, and Kurt D. Swaim of Frankfort, Ky.; his father, James E. Swaim of Ossian; and a sister, Rita James of Laotto; and two grandchildren.

Calling is from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian. Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Masonic and Eastern Star services will be held starting at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian. Preferred memorials are to the Masonic Lodge or to the donor's choice.

Robert E. Kitterman, 90

Robert E. Kitterman, 90, of rural Montpelier died at 4:30 a.m. Thursday, April 27, 2006, at Americare Living Center, Hartford City.

Mr. Kitterman was a lifelong resident of Blackford County and farmed in Washington and Harrison Townships of Blackford County. He was a member of Montpelier Masonic Lodge #600 F&AM.

Born on Sept. 27, 1915, in Blackford County, he was a son of Claude E. and Edith S. (Shields) Kitterman. He graduated from Montpelier High School and attended Muncie Business College. His marriage on Dec. 9, 1938, in Hartford City was to R. Jeannette (Ducy) Kitterman, who preceded him in death on May 7, 1998.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Kitterman of Montpelier; a granddaughter; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Dorotha K. Packard.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier. Services are at 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with Dr. Richard Ingram officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Montpelier. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

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Patricia K. Miller, 41

Patricia K. Miller, 41, of New Haven died Friday, April 28, 2006, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller was a pulmonary function technician for Dr. Thomandram Sekar.

Patricia Miller

Born on July 28, 1964, in Fort Wayne, she was a daughter of Fred W. and Betty Jo Moorefield Dillon of Ossian, who survive.

Other survivors include her husband, James L. Miller of New Haven; sons Joshua James Fryback of Evansville and Justin Dillon Fryback of Ossian; a stepson, Justin James Miller of New Haven; a sister, Mrs. Isreal (Kathy) Ortiz of Ossian; a brother, Rick W. Dillon of Beaverdam, Ky.; and a grandmother, Ona Mae Dillon of Ossian.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Monday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian. Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian.

Preferred memorials are to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo or the Ossian Fire Department.

Monica R. Felver, 54

The mother of three Montpelier residents, Monica R. Felver, 54, of Hartford City died at 8:20 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2006, from injuries sustained in a traffic collision involving a semi and a Taylor University van on I-69 in Grant County.

Mrs. Felver was employed in the dining commons at Taylor University. She had been a resident of Blackford County for the past 18 years.

Born on May 1, 1951, in Celina, Ohio, she was a daughter of Luther and Clara (Schaadt) Gibbons. Her marriage on Oct. 10, 1989, in Tennessee was to Glenn Felver.

Survivors include five daughters, Kelly Gehle and Mrs. Doug (Hope) Beckley, both of Hartford City, Mrs. Matthew (Amy) Atkins and Mrs. Steven (Monica) Kellogg, both of Montpelier, and Mrs. Jeff (Shaunee) Coburn of Fort Wayne; three sons, Nick Felver of Marion, David Felver of Montpelier and Eric Felver of Hartford City; two brothers, Tom Gibbons of Celina and Denny Gibbons of Rockford, Ohio; two sisters, LilaLee Roe of Monroe and Mrs. Gerald (Darlene) Gibbons of Chattanooga, Ohio; and 12 grandchildren.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Waters Funeral Home, Hartford City.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services on Wednesday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Jefferson Cemetery, Upland.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's favorite charity.

Marjorie Hiday, 86

Marjorie D. Hiday, 86, rural Bryant, died at 3 a.m. Saturday, April 29, 2006 at Jay County Hospital in Portland.

Marjorie Hiday

Born in Wells County on March 5, 1920 to Curtis R. and Flossie May Dunwiddie Dukes, she married Joe A. Hiday on Feb. 14, 1939 in Noblesville; he survives.

After her parents died when she was very young, she was adopted and raised by Charles and Clara Kirkwood. She was a 1938 graduate of Petroleum High School and formerly attended Old Salem United Methodist Church. A homemaker, she was also an accomplished seamstress and made cheerleader and band uniforms for Petroleum High School.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol Jeanne Ellenberger of Linn Grove and Connie Jo Losse of Madison, Wisc.; a sister, Mildred Lindsey of Bluffton; six grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Calling hours are Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton. Services will be held there Thursday at 10:30 a.m., with burial in Six Mile Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Eva Krinn, 99

A native of Wells County, Eva Lela Krinn, 99, died Friday, April 28, 2006 at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Eva Krinn

Born on July 18, 1906 in Wells County to Frank and Amy White, she married Leonard L. Krinn on March 3, 1928; he died Jan. 28, 1972.

Survivors include two sons, Richard and Robert Krinn; five grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home in Fort Wayne, with calling there Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. and from noon until 1 p.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren. Preferred memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice.

Helen L. Snarr, 94

Helen L. Snarr, 94, Bluffton, died at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2006 at Meadowvale Health & Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Malvern, Ark. on Sept. 5, 1911 to William T. and Dixie B. Baumgartner Crow, she married George H. Snarr on April 6, 1935 in Little Rock, Ark.; he died in 1979.

A graduate of Malvern High School and the Baptist Nursing School, she was a registered nurse, serving as the Drew County Health Nurse and also worked for the Red Cross before becoming a full time homemaker. She has been a Bluffton resident for 16 years and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Ann) Osborn of Bluffton; three grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren.

Calling hours are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton, with services to follow at 1 p.m. with Rev. Cindy Osgood officiating.

Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery in Monticello, Ark. with a committal service there Friday. In lieu of flowers the family is encouraging memorials to the church's Piano Fund.

Charles E. Walter, 83

Wells County native Charles "Charlie" E. Walter, 83, Fort Wayne, died Saturday, April 29, 2006 at his home.

Born in Vera Cruz on July 31, 1922 to Ervin and Frances Mosier Walter, he was a veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 241 for 50 years.

He retired from the Kmart Distribution Center after 34 years of service and was well-known for his musical band, "Charlie Walter and the Trailriders" which played at Buck Lake Ranch for 40 years and on local radio and television. He was a member of the St. Therese Catholic Church and the Holy Name Society.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, the former Justine Brite; five sons; three daughters; two brothers, including Kenneth Walter of Bluffton; a sister, Mrs. Fred (Edna) Wenger of Bluffton; 11 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Therese Catholic Church. Calling hours will be held at the Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home in Fort Wayne today from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday for one hour prior to the services at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the church's building fund or the Visiting Nurse Hospice.

Virginia L. Jones, 83

The mother of Ben Jones III of Bluffton, Virginia L. Jones, 83, of Angola died Saturday, April 29, 2006, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Jones was a homemaker and a former volunteer at Cameron Hospital in Angola and a former member of the Sweet Adelines. She had been an elder at Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes and was a prize-winning watercolor artist.

Virginia Jones

Born on May 26, 1922, in Weirton, W.Va., she was a daughter of Ed and Fanny (McConnell) Wiley. Her marriage on July 20, 1942, was to Ben Jones Jr., who preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 2000.

Survivors, in addition to the son in Bluffton, include daughters Karen Mashburn of Miami, Shirley Watson of Lainsburg, Mich., and Dee Fraley of Cecil, Ohio; sons Edward Jones of North Carolina and Terry Jones of Angola; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers and a granddaughter.

Calling is from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes with Rev. Thomas Smith officiating.

Burial will be in Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes Memorial Garden. Preferred memorials are to the church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Daniel E. Schaen – Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 6 at Prairieview Cemetery, north of Tocsin for Daniel E. Schaen, 60, of Fort Wayne, who died March 9, 12006. The service will be held at 2 p.m.

Daniel Schaen

Mr. Schaen, the brother of Mrs. Norbert (Jeanne) Ploetz of Craigville, was a general contractor and was active in the Habitat for Humanity organization for more than 10 years in Fort Wayne and Cleveland. He attended Church of God Abrahamic Faith, Fort Wayne. He also had been a volunteer fireman for Russell Township, Cleveland.

Goodwin Memorial Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

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Robert K. Markley, 82

Robert K. Markley, 82, of Bluffton died at 5 a.m. Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at Select Specialty Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Markley was a 35-year employee of Franklin Electric Co., retiring in 1982 as foreman of the tool room. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy Air Corp., with service during World War II. He flew fighter planes off the aircraft carrier U.S. Antietam.

Bob Markley

A lifelong resident of Wells County, Mr. Markley was a member of American Legion Post #111 and the Parlor City Country Club. He attended First United Methodist Church, Bluffton.

Born on Jan. 23, 1924, in Bluffton, he was a son of Paul H. and Daisy A. (Kelly) Markley, and a 1942 graduate of Bluffton High School. His marriage on June 8, 1945, in Bluffton was to Ruth E. (Arnold), who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Tom (Cynthia K.) Paxson of Bluffton; a son, Gary L. Markley of Bluffton; a sister, Pauline Markley of Bluffton; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with Rev. Cindy Osgood officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services on Friday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery with military graveside honors by American Legion Post #111. Preferred memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Darrell Williamson, 44

The brother of a Bluffton man, Darrell D. Williamson, 44, Gary, died at 11:05 p.m. Sunday, April 30, 2006 at his home.

Born in Gary on Jan. 27, 1961 to Daniel and Mary Brown Williamson, he is survived by six children, all of Gary; two sisters, including Patricia Williamson of Fort Wayne; and three brothers, including Daniel Williamson, Jr. of Bluffton.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Smith & Bizzell Funeral Home in Gary. Calling hours are Friday from noon to 9 p.m. Burial will be in the Oakhill Cemetery in Gary.

Gabrielle M. Frauhiger, Infant

Infant Gabrielle M. Frauhiger died Friday, April 28, 2006, at her home in Noblesville. She was born March 6, 2006.

Survivors include parents Brian and Abbey Frauhiger; maternal grandparents Tim and Darcy Coffel of Leo; paternal grandparents Gary and Carol Frauhiger of Fort Wayne; maternal great-grandparents George and Shirley Polinuk of LaOtto; paternal great-grandparents Brice and Vera Sheets of Decatur; maternal great-grandparents Larry and Linda Coffel of Fort Wayne; paternal great-grandmother Bernice Frauhiger of Decatur; and maternal great-great-grandmother Lillian McConnell of LaOtto.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services are at 1 p.m. Thursday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne, with Rev. Kent Lundy. There also will be calling one hour prior to services at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the Gabrielle M. Frauhiger Memorial Fund.

Kenneth D. Huffman, 58

Kenneth D. Huffman, 58, died at 8:40 p.m. Thursday, May 4, 2006, at his residence in Bluffton.

Kenneth Huffman

Mr. Huffman worked for Avery-Dennison in Fort Wayne for 15 years and for Corning Glass Works for 17 and one-half years. He attended Community Christian Church. A U.S. Army veteran with service in Vietnam, he was awarded the Purple Heart and three Bronze Stars.

A 1966 graduate of Liberty Center High School, Mr. Huffman was a member of the 1964 Liberty Center basketball team that played in a nine-overtime game in the Marion Regional, the longest game in Indiana history.

Born on Oct. 2, 1947, in Bluffton, he was a son of Merl and Edna Collins Huffman. His marriage on March 7, 1983, in Bluffton was to Barbara A. (Brown) who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Sheri Worthington of Texas and Mrs. Scott (Shelly) Stultz of Liberty Center; three sons, K. Shawn Huffman of Bluffton, Joseph Huffman of Ossian and Cory Settlemyre of Decatur; two sisters, Mrs. Steve (Margaret) Stewart of New Haven and Mrs. Herb (Betty) Gerber of Bluffton; a brother, Donald Huffman of Bluffton; and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, John Huffman.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday and from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Rev. Mark Masterson officiating.

Burial will be in Stahl Cemetery with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 111.

Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Russell 'Jack' Hasinbiller, 89

Russell "Jack" Hasinbiller, 89, died at 8 a.m. Thursday, May 4, 2006, at his residence in Decatur. Mr. Hasinbiller was an independent truck driver.

Born on June 16, 1916, in Des Moines, Iowa, he was a son of Fred and Clara Arndt Hasinbiller. His marriage on June 1, 1948, in Galiton, Tenn., was to Alice L. Reynolds, who preceded him in death on March 14, 1997

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Mel (Marian "Dolly") Cebulash of Arizona and Mrs. Doug (Kay) Markley of Decatur; a son, Robert Hasinbiller of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mickey Hasinbiller; and a brother, Robert G. Hasinbiller.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Six Mile Cemetery. There is no calling.

Goodwin Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Merle G. Taylor, 97

Merle G. Taylor, 97, of Markle and formerly of Lafayette died at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 4, 2006, at Markle Health Care.

Mrs. Taylor was a homemaker. She attended Union Township High School in Huntington County and lived most of her married life in Lafayette.

Born on April 13, 1909, in Union Township of Huntington County, she was a daughter of William and Lenora (Larr) Miller. Her marriage on March 8, 1932, was to Charles O. Taylor, who preceded her in death on Sept. 23, 1980.

Survivors include a sister, Melba Conrad of Cromwell and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by four sisters, Alta Wall, Mabel Broderick, Martha Hite and Mary Shideler; and three brothers, Ray Miller, Gale Miller and Jacob Miller.

Calling is from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel.

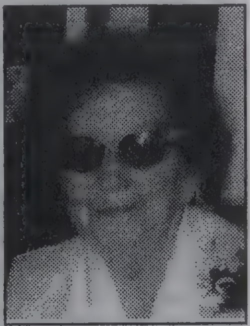
Services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Rev. Kaye Patton officiating.

Burial will be in Markle Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association.

Opal I. Hardin, 91

Opal I. Hardin, 91, of Warren died at 11:08 a.m. Thursday, May 4, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A farmer's wife and a professional model in Indiana and Florida, she was preceded in death by her husband, W. Dean Hardin in April of 2000.


Opal Hardin

She was a former executive secretary of the Red Cross in Huntington County and a member of the Huntington County Home Economics Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Bette A. Mann of Roanoke, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Calling is from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren.

Services are at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Bob Bothast and Rev. Alan Thames officiating. Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington.

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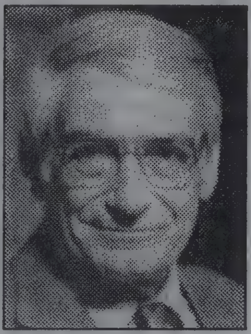
Robert C. Dro, 87

Former Bluffton High School basketball coach Robert C. "Bob" Dro, 87, died Thursday evening, May 4, 2006, in Indianapolis of complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Dro served in assistant and associate athletic director positions from 1957 to 1976 at Indiana University and retired from the university in 1984. He was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by two different Indiana governors and was commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel by the governor of Kentucky.


Bob Dro

Regarded as one of Indiana University's all-time athletic greats, he was a member of the Hoosiers' first national championship basketball team in 1940, and also starred in baseball. Following graduation, he played baseball with the Brooklyn Dodgers organization and professional basketball with the former Indianapolis Kautsky's organization.

Mr. Dro served as basketball coach at Bluffton during the 1946-47 and 1947-48 seasons, and was a past red coat recipient as the former Parlor City Country Club's "Celebrity of the Year." He was a U.S. Navy veteran with service in the Pacific during World War II.

Born on Oct. 12, 1918, in Berne, he was a son of Ervin and Ida Dro. His marriage in 1941 was to E. Jean Weber, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Robert W. Dro of Kansas City, Mo., and Daniel W. Dro, M.D. of Carmel, Ind.; four grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Graveside services are at 2 p.m. Sunday at MRE Cemetery, Berne. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Indiana University Foundation, Bloomington.

Preferred memorials are to the Indiana University Foundation in the name of a scholarship in Mr. Dro's name. Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, is in charge of the arrangements.

Bruce E. Bardsley, 72

A native and former resident of Warren, Bruce E. Bardsley, 72, ied at his home in Ballantine, Mont. on Friday, May 5, 2006.

Born on Sept. 22, 1933 to Leo C. and Miriam J. Hite Bardsley, e graduated from Warren High School and served in the U.S. Air orce from 1953-1957 as an aircraft mechanic.

He was employed by International Harvester for several years, nd then worked for Northern Wells Comnunity Schools for 16 years. He moved to ontana in July, 2001. He was preceded n death by his first wife, Virginia Hall, n Dec., 1986. He married Ethel Cramer arnes in Bluffton on March 23, 1991; she urvives.

Bruce Bardsley

Prior to moving to Montana, he was ctive in the Sonlight Wesleyan Church in luffton as a Sunday School teacher, superntendent and as a church deacon.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. arry (Peg) Crosbie; a son, David Bardsey; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Roger (Robin) cheidler; a stepson, Kevin Barnes; a brother, Max Bardsley; 13 randchildren; and seven great grandchildren. He was also preced-d in death by a sister, Sue Myers and a brother, Jim Bardsley.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Glancy Funeral omes, H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren. Calling hours there re Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in Lancaster Cemtery.

Paul Trancrell, 57

Paul A. Trancrell, 57, Warren, died at 12:39 p.m. Friday, May , 2006 at the I.U. Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Born in Uxbridge, Mass. on Dec. 18, 1948 to Armand A. and uth Aldrich Trancrell, he married Christine A. Benoit on Sept. 18, 997 in Bluffton; she survives.

A 1967 graduate of Uxbridge High chool, Mr. Trancrell worked at General otors in Fort Wayne for 34 years, retiring n 2001. He was the owner of Paul's Home epair and Remodeling and also worked at Hampshire Court Apartments in Bluffton. He was a member of the Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene.

Paul Trancrell

Other survivors include a son, Gene Trancrell of Whitinsville, Mass.; two sisters, Kathy Raymond of North Smithfield, R.I. and Gail Beland of North Uxbridge, Mass.; and one granddaughter.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Bill Keen officiating. Calling hours are Tuesday from 4 to 9 p.m. at Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren.

Preferred memorials are to Cancer Services of Fort Wayne.

R. Brooks Grandlienard, 85

A retired dairy farmer, R. Brooks Grandlienard, 85, rural Bluffton, died at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, May 6, 2006 at his home after being in failing health the past few months.

A native and life-long resident of Wells County, he was born on Dec. 4, 1920 to Charles and Marguerite Hinchman Grandlienard and married Joyce Girod on Sept. 3, 1948 in Bluffton; she survives.

Brooks Grandlienard

A graduate of Bluffton High School in 1939, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Mr. Grandlienard was a supervisor on the Soil and Water Conservation District for 17 years and was awarded the Master Farm Conservationist award. He was a director on the Federal Land Bank Association for 18 years and was an active member of the Living Water United Methodist Church.

Other survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Kent (Beth) Decker of Hudson, Wisc., Mrs. Scott (Amy) Jones of Phoenix, Ariz., Mrs. Joe (Meg) Edwards of Westfield, and Mrs. William (Jo) Joy of Wheaton, Ill.; a son, Mark Grandlienard of Bluffton; a sister, Ruth Neuenschwander of Berne; three brothers, Fred Grandlienard of Bluffton, Kenneth Grandlienard of Celina, Ohio, and Joe Grandlienard of Phoenix, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Living Water United Methodist Church with Pastor Steve McPeek officiating. Calling hours are Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton and Wednesday for one hour prior to the service at the church.

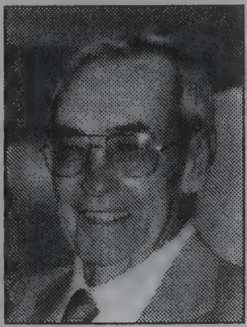
Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery with a military flag presentation by American Legion Post 111. Preferred memorials are to the church's building fund or Panos Free Clinic.

William A. Lambert, 75

William A. Lambert, 75, rural Bluffton, died at 4:20 a.m. Sunday, May 7, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

A native of Wells County, he was born in Sept. 9, 1930 to Arthur and Waneta Eichhorn Lambert and married Florence Gill on Sept. 14, 1952 in Huntington; she died July 10, 1975.

A 1948 graduate of Rockcreek High School, he was a farmer and also drove for National Oil from 1962-1972.


William Lambert

Survivors include two sons, James and Jeffery Lambert, both of Bluffton; two daughters, Judy A. Adams of Ossian and Mrs. David (Julie) Bradley of Uniondale; two brothers, Oliver D. Lambert of Bluffton and Harlan Lambert of Jennings, Fla.; a sister, Ada Mae Campbell of Liberty Center; 22 grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with Pastor Lyle Breeding officiating. Calling hours there are Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday for one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery.

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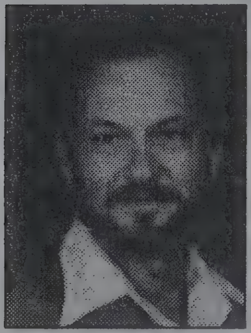
Paul F. Anderson, 70

Paul F. Anderson, 70, rural Bluffton, died at 2:20 p.m. Sunday, May 7, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Madison County to Paul F. and Maxine Knowles Anderson on April 2, 1936, he married Helen D. Bassett on Sept. 3, 1955 in Bluffton; she survives.



Paul Anderson

Mr. Anderson was a plasterer for C.N. Parker Co. in Fort Wayne, retiring in September, 1997. He was a member of the Liberty Center United Methodist Church.

Other survivors include a son, Seth L. Anderson of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Cindy D. Anderson of Minneapolis, Minn., and Mrs. John (Janet Lee) Hall of Bluffton; two brothers, Danny Anderson of Bluffton and Jerry Anderson of Huntington; a sister, Mrs. Tom (Dorothy) Maddux of Montpelier; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with Pastor Steve Bard officiating. Calling hours there will be Tuesday from 1 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in McFarren Cemetery, Poneto.

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Roy H. Lehrman, 85

The father of Mrs. Ralph (Rosie) Aschliman of Bluffton, Roy H. Lehrman, 85, of Decatur died at 10:53 p.m. Monday, May 8, 2006, at Adams Memorial Hospital, Decatur.

Mr. Lehrman was a forklift operator at General Electric in Decatur, retiring in 1981 after 40 years of service. He was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and Decatur Moose Lodge #1311.

Born on Oct. 11, 1920, in Monroeville, he was a son of Albert and Clara (Weiland) Lehrman. His marriage on Nov. 23, 1950, at Decatur was to Mary A. Holthouse, who survives.

Other survivors, in addition to the daughter in Bluffton, include another daughter, Mrs. Joe (Patty) Lindo of Fulton, N.Y.; a son, Roy E. Lehrman of Milledgeville, Ga.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandchild.

Calling is from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

A prayer service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church.

Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Decatur.

Preferred memorials are Masses to the church.

Rita J. Heck, 51

Rita J. Heck, 51, died Monday, May 8, 2006, at her residence in Fort Wayne.

A switchboard operator at Fort Wayne National Bank for 24 years, she was also a member of the Church of Christ.

Born on Dec. 17, 1954, in Michigan, she was a daughter of Danny J. and Lucile (Bailey) Thoma of Markle, who survive.

Other survivors include two daughters, Amber L. Heck and Sara M. Heck, both of Fort Wayne; her fiance, Thomas Silvers of Fort Wayne; a brother, Terry Thoma of Fort Wayne; and a granddaughter.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Minister Richard Kees officiating.

Burial will be in Hoverstock Cemetery, Zanesville.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Leola Voree Smith, 92

Leola Voree Smith, 92, of rural Huntington died at 7:50 a.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at Heritage of Huntington.

Mrs. Smith was a 1931 graduate of Warren High School and was owner and operator of a beauty salon in Plum Tree for more than 60 years.

Calling is from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren. Services are at 3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Dr. Jean Spoor officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren.

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Olive E. Mann, 92

Olive E. Mann, 92, of Berne died at 9:25 a.m. Thursday, May 11, 2006, at Swiss Village Retirement Community, Berne.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva. Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Judy Fuller officiating.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Geneva. Preferred memorials are to First United Methodist Church, Geneva.

Olive Mann

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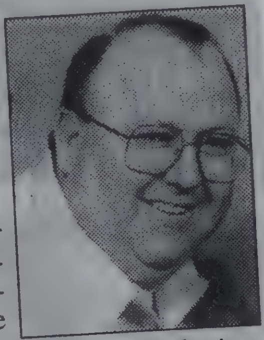
Raymond L. Pinkerton, 62

ı lifelong farmer in Wells and Jay counties, Raymond L. ɛerton, 62, rural Keystone, died at his home at 10 a.m. Friday, / 12, 2006.

3orn May 23, 1943, in Wells County to Herman H. and Pearl ʕprinkle Pinkerton, he married the ner Susia A. Borne in Wells County e 28, 1963. She survives.



Raymond Pinkerton

A member of Sonlight Wesleyan urch, he was a 1961 graduate of roleum High School and worked in iintenance for 31 years at Franklin ectric and 10 years at Kitco.

Additional survivors include four ns, Michael of Bluffton, John of Bry- t, Terry of Geneva and Eric of Key- one; two brothers, Richard of Keystone id Paul of Portland; three sisters, Mrs. imes (Mary) Reed, Geneva, Mrs. Del- ıer (Alice) James, Keystone, and Mrs. Iike (Shirley) Duncan, Bluffton; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters.

Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday will be under the direction of astor Tom Bradley at Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Burial will ollow at Stahl Cemetery northwest of Petroleum.

Calling at the funeral home will be from noon to 8 p.m. Sun- lay.

Memorials may be made to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or Sonlight Wesleyan Church.

Penny Sue Stanelle, 57

A former Bluffton resident, Penny Sue Stanelle, 57, of Brillion, Wis., died Wednesday, May 10, 2006.

Survivors include her husband, Jim of Brillion; a daughter, Amie Chance of Wichita, Kan.; sons Mike Chance of Wichita, Kan., and John Chance of Capitola, Calif.; her mother, Bernice Stohl of Nashua, Mont.; sisters Betty Cowley of Riverside, Calif., and Dianne Masters of Natoma, Kan.; a brother, Bobby Mohler of Kyle, Texas; and a granddaughter.

A service celebrating her life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church of Green Bay, Wis.

Preferred memorials are to the church toward a contemporary Christian music concert series.

Rick W. Callahan, 48

A former Pennville resident, Rick W. Callahan, 48, of Portland died Friday, May 12, 2006, at Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie, following an extended illness.

Mr. Callahan was employed in supervisory roles by Gold Shield in Decatur for 12 years and Tyson Mexican Original in Portland for four years. Survivors include a number of area residents.

Calling is from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday at the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home. Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Clarence Baker officiating.

Burial will be in Bluff Point Cemetery, south of Portland. Preferred memorials are to the Jay County Cancer Society.

Janet E. Cooper, 89

A former resident of Bluffton, Janet E. Cooper, 89, died at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, at Renaissance Health Care in Muncie.

Janet E. Cooper

Born Aug. 19, 1916, to Charles and Margaret Hatfield Wilson, she married Robert Cooper in Dayton, Ohio, Feb. 27, 1937. He preceded her in death May 12, 2000.

Mrs. Cooper and her husband founded the Cooper Rest Home on Wabash St. in 1953. It later relocated to North Main St. She served as a nurse at the rest home until retiring in 1972. A graduate of East Union Center High School, she was a member of the First United Methodist Church, and a past member of the Bluffton Professional Women.

Survivors include a son, Daniel Jo of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Mrs. Ernest (Susan) Earhart, Muncie, and Mrs., Myron (Bonita) Bradburn of Coldwater, Mich.; three brothers, Everett Wilson of Markle, Max Wilson of Bluffton, and Phillip Wilson of Zephur Hills, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Gerald (Nancy) Johnson of Bluffton; 12 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by brothers Robert and Richard Wilson and sisters Magdlane Crum and Phyllis Confer.

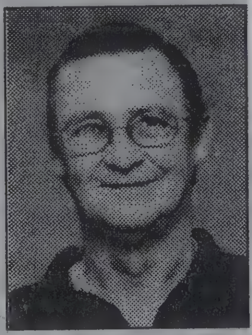
Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday will be at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with Pastor David Hershey officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Calling will be at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday and from noon until time of services Tuesday.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Barry E. Sweetapple, 63

Barry E. Sweetapple, 63, Bluffton, died at 11:31 a.m. Saturday, May 13, 2006 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Barry Sweetapple

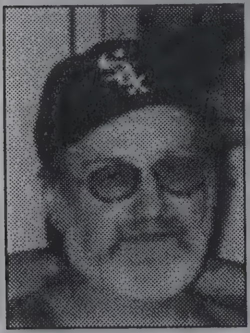
Born in Grove City, Pa., on Feb. 1, 1943 to John and Anna Louise Porter Sweetapple, he married Brenda Dines on Sept. 21, 1985 in St. Petersburg, Fla.; she survives. He was a retired electrician.

Other survivors include a son, Johnny Sweetapple of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Holly Sweetapple of Bluffton and Mrs. Richard (Anna) Boschet of Fort Wayne; a sister, Mrs. Warren (April) Burke of Uniondale; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

Calling hours are today from 3 to 7 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton. A memorial service will then be held at 7 p.m. this evening at Goodwin's, with Bill Thomas officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

James E. Brubaker, 58

An employee at Franklin Electric in Bluffton, James E. Brubaker, 58, Geneva, died at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13, 2006 a Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.


James Brubaker

Born in Adams County on March 13, 1948 to Forrest and Betty Brunson Brubaker, he was a 1966 graduate of Geneva High School and was a member of the Sons of the American Legion in Berne, VFW Mens Auxiliary in Geneva and the Eagles Lodge in Portland.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Betty and Estal Smuts of Fort Wayne; a son, Jeremy W. Brubaker of Geneva; and two sisters, Vicki Smuts of Fort Wayne and Barbara Myers of Monroe.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva. Calling hours there are Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m. Burial will be in West Lawn Cemetery in Geneva.

Denver F. Meshberger, 92

Denver F. Meshberger, 92, Berne, died at 11:08 p.m. Friday, May 12, 2006 at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

Born in Adams County on Oct. 5, 1913 to Levi and Ella Gerber Meshberger, he married Betty Grandlienard on Feb. 25, 1940 in Linn Grove; she survives.

A member of the First Missionary Church in Berne, he was a mechanic for local Chevrolet dealers, retiring in 1978. He was also a private pilot for 45 years, retiring from flying when he turned 80 years of age.

Other survivors include a son, David Meshberger of Sebring, Fla.; a sister, Jeanette Baumgartner of Berne; two grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Earl W. Meshberger; and four brothers.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton. Calling hours there are today from 2 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the church's building fund.

Dorothy L. Robinson, 62

Dorothy L. Robinson, 62, Montpelier, died Thursday, May 11, 2006 at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Born in Dayton, Ohio on Jan. 2, 1944, she married Roger V. Speece on Oct. 26, 1980; he survives. She was a retired auditor for the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Oakland Cemetery in Shelby, Ohio. There will be no calling. Glancy Funeral Homes, Walker Chapel in Montpelier is in charge of local arrangements. Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Carolyn J. Brown, 69

A former Wells County resident, Carolyn J. Brown, 69, of Portland died at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, May 14, 2006, at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne, from complications of a stroke.

Carolyn Brown

Mrs. Brown and her husband started and ran Brown's Produce for 32 years. She was a homemaker and attended Church of Living God in Dunkirk.

Born on Jan. 18, 1937, in Wells County, she was a daughter of Claude and Ruth (DeWitt) Richards, and attended Lancaster School and Bluffton High School. Her marriage in Montpelier in 1955 was to Donald R. Brown, who survives.

Other survivors include children Connie Connett and Pam Coleman of Ossian, Debbie Stiles, Daniel Brown and Ronald Brown, all of Bluffton, David Brown, Tom Brown and Christine Ball, all of Portland and Diane Worthington of Etna Green; a sister, Mary Lou Richards of Bluffton; 26 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Steve Brown and Michael Brown; and a sister, Grace Bricker.

Calling is from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Theodore Wagoner officiating.

Burial will be in Gearnand Cemetery in Wells County.

Margoriette G. Smith, 74

The mother of three Wells County residents, Margoriette G. Smith, 74, died at 3:45 a.m. today, Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at her residence in Montpelier.

Mrs. Smith had lived in Ripley, W.Va., for several years before moving to Montpelier in 2005.

Born on Feb. 14, 1932, in Fentress County, Tenn., she was a daughter of Kirk and Avo Robbins. Her marriage on Feb. 14, 1986, in West Virginia was to Harold Smith, who survives.

Other survivors include daughters Mrs. Galen (Glenda) Heyerly of Ossian, Mrs. Don (Mary) Lines of Fort Wayne, Margaret LaPeer of Decatur and Mrs. Joe (Alice) Grady of Dallas; sons John LaPeer and Jerry LaPeer, both of Bluffton, and Frank LaPeer of Anderson; sisters Janice Stephens of Tennessee and Billy Jackson of Georgia; and brothers Kirk Robbins Jr. of Ohio, Gene Robbins of Redkey and Roger Robbins of Tennessee; 22 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Stevie Robbins.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier.

Services are at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Rev. Melissa Woodson officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Montpelier.

Preferred memorials are to Harold Smith, Montpelier.

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Charles R. Fullhart, 83

A longtime teacher, Charles R. Fullhart, 83, of Uniondale died Monday, May 15, 2006, at his residence.

Mr. Fullhart started his career in Deerfield and Saratoga, Ind. He later was a teacher at Ossian, Lancaster and Norwell schools in Wells County, retiring after 31 years. He also served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

Born on March 18, 1923, in Andrews, he was a son of Russell G. and Mable (Stanley) Fullhart. His marriage in Fishers on June 21, 1969, was to Anna (Newhard) Fullhart, who survives.

Other survivors include a son, Paul A. Fullhart of Woodbridge, Va.; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers.

Calling is from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Prospect United Methodist Church with Rev. Ernie Suman officiating. There is also calling one hour prior to services at the church.

Burial will be in Prospect Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, Prospect Cemetery Association or Acres Inc.

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D. Dwight 'Tilly' Holmes, 88

The brother of Dottie Mann of Ossian, D. Dwight "Tilly" Holmes, 88, of Warren, died at 8:10 a.m. Thursday, May 18, 2006, at United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren.

Mr. Holmes was a registered watchmaker and he owned and operated a jewelry store in Warren for 35 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran with service during World War II. Also, he was a 39-year member of the Warren Volunteer Fire Department, and a 50-year member of Warren United Methodist Church.

Dwight Holmes

Born on April 19, 1918, in Warren, he was a son of Chester and Orpha (Smith) Holmes. His marriage on Oct. 27, 1940, in Warren was to Helen P. (Rudicel) Holmes, who survives.

Other survivors, in addition to the sister in Ossian, include a son, John Holmes of Birchrunville, Pa., another sister, Emma Williams of Warren; a brother, Maurice Holmes of Warren; and a granddaughter. He was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother.

Services are at 1 p.m. Monday at United Methodist Memorial Home with Rev. Howard Cress and Rev. John Wallace officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren. There also is calling from 11 a.m. until the time of services Monday at the United Methodist home. Burial will be in Masonic Cemetery, Warren.

Lyndon J. Pierson, 43

Lyndon J. Pierson, 43, of Hartford City died unexpectedly at 1:05 a.m. Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

Calling is from 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Bobby Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Hartford City Cemetery.

Lyndon J. Pierson

Harold D. Rupright, 69

Harold Doyle Rupright, 69, of Huntington died at 4:50 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne, of complications following an automobile accident April 8 in Noble County.

Mr. Rupright was a truck driver for Hiner Transport in Huntington for 35 years. He had driven more than three million miles without an accident.

Harold Rupright

His marriage in 1991 in Clearwater, Fla., was to Judith Ann (Langel) Rupright, who preceded him in death April 8 from injuries from the same accident.

Survivors include children Diane Bacon of Fair Haven, Mich., Bradley D. Rupright of Columbia City, and Brian L. Rupright, Annette R. Madden and Angela J. Fouts, all of Knapp Lake, Ind.; stepchildren Teresa Folsom of Yuma, Ariz., Terry Woods of Huntington and Jay Woods of Columbia City; his mother-in-law, Jane Nave of Bluffton; a sister-in-law, Patti Langel of Bluffton; a brother-in-law, Tom Langel of Florida; foster brothers Robert Bischoff of Huntington and Ray Welty of Indianapolis; and several grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two foster brothers.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton, with Pastor Gene Bell officiating. There is no calling.

Preferred memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne. Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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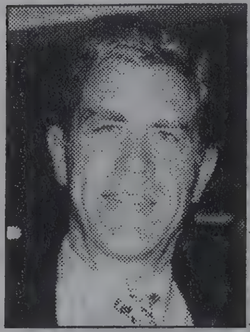
Kent O. Day, 57

A former Wells County resident, Kent O. Day, 57, died Thursday, May 18, 2006, at his residence in Indianapolis.

Mr. Day co-founded in 1996 First Republic Mortgage Corporation, where he served as president. He also worked four years for Colonial Mortgage Company and 19 years at Banc One Mortgage Corporation and its predecessor American Fletcher Mortgage Corporation.


Kent Day

He held an Indiana Real Estate Brokers License and was the developer of the Stonegate Subdivision in Indianapolis. He was a past president of the Eagle Nest Property Association, a member of East 91st Street Christian Church.

Raised in Wells County, he was a graduate of Southern Wells High School and Manchester College. He received a master's degree in business administration from Indiana University in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, Pam; a daughter, Lindsey of Indianapolis; two sons, Kevin and Mitchell, both of Indianapolis; his mother, Birdena Day of Bluffton; a sister, Joyce Accavallo of Bluffton; and a brother, Bill Day of Bluffton. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles.

Calling is from 1 to 3 and 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center, 5215 N. Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis.

Services are at 11 a.m. Monday at East 91st Street Christian Church, Indianapolis. Graveside services in Wells County will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Mossburg Cemetery, northwest of Liberty Center.

Preferred memorials are to the Indiana University Foundation for Amyloidosis Research.

Jan Byrd, 54

A Bluffton native, Jan (Jackson) Byrd, 54, of Townsend, Tenn., died Thursday, May 18, 2006, at St. Mary Medical Center, Knoxville, Tenn., after a lengthy battle with cancer. She was born in Bluffton on May 1, 1952.

Survivors include her husband, Tim; a daughter, Mrs. Michael (Meghann) Erhart of Townsend; and a granddaughter.

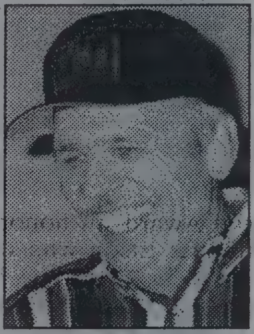
A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Mortuary, Maryville, Tenn.

Preferred memorials are to The Wellness Community, Knoxville, Tenn.

Donald R. Elliott, 55

Donald R. Elliott, 55, died at 8:09 a.m. Friday, May 19, 2006, at his residence in Montpelier.

Mr. Elliott was a former semi driver. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and a member of Millard-Brown American Legion Post #156, Montpelier. He also was a member of the Bro-Shadow Club in Montpelier.


Donald Elliott

Born on April 15, 1951, in Danville, Ill., he was a son of William and Catherine (Mullins) Elliott. He graduated from Montpelier High School.

Survivors include a son, Timothy "T.J." Elliott of Buford, Ga.; two daughters, Cassandra Chapman of Montpelier and Mrs. Doug (Brandy) Foster of Portland; a sister, Mrs. Jerry (LaVina) Kershner of Montpelier; two brothers, Larry Elliott of Hartford City and Robert "Bob" Elliott of Bolivar, Mo.; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, William "Bill" Elliott.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier.

Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Ferrel Long officiating.

Burial will be in Brookside Memorial Park, Montpelier, with military graveside rites by Millard-Brown American Legion Post #156. Preferred memorials are to the family for funeral expenses.

Robert and Mary B. VanWinkle

Joint graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Hartford City Cemetery for Robert VanWinkle, 88, and Mary B. Paxson VanWinkle, 90.

Mr. VanWinkle, a native of Blackford County, died Dec. 16, 2004 in Columbus, Ohio, and his wife, Mary B. VanWinkle, died April 15, 2006, also in Columbus.

Mrs. VanWinkle was born in Jay County Oct. 2, 1915 to Leslie and Orpha Waldo Paxson. She formerly resided in Pennville. Mr. VanWinkle was born Aug. 28, 1916.

The couple is survived by several nieces and nephews in the Wells County area.

Mrs. VanWinkle is survived by a brother, K. Dale Paxson of Pennville and a sister, Dora Nelson of Sarasota, Fla. Mr. VanWinkle is survived by a brother, Jack VanWinkle of Hartford City.

Rev. Lloyd Hall will officiate at servics. Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel in Montpelier is in charge of arrangements.

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Mable J. Penrod, 101

A lifelong resident of Wells County, Mable J. Penrod, 101, died at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21, 2006, at her rural Keystone residence with family.

Mrs. Penrod was a homemaker. She was a member of Montpelier United Methodist Church and a former member of Blanch Chapel in Liberty Township. She also was a member of WSCS, a Methodist Ladies Association.

Born on Sept. 16, 1904 in Liberty Township, she was a daughter of John and Josie Belle (Mounsey) Musselman, and graduated from Liberty Township Schools. Her marriage on May 6, 1923, in Bluffton was to Fred A. Penrod, who preceded her in death on Dec. 3, 1952.

Mable Penrod

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Jane Rehling of Keystone; four sisters; 10 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Martha Ann Penrod; and two sons, Harold E. Penrod and John Alton Penrod.

Calling is from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Rev. Joseph Haney officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

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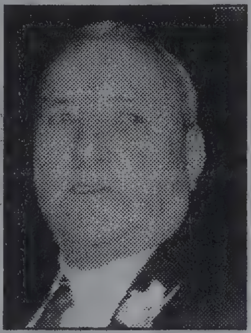
Frederick 'Pete' Betz, 65

Frederick "Pete" Betz, 65, of Bluffton died at 10:36 a.m. Monday, May 22, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Betz was self-employed with his own tree service business.

Born on Sept. 17, 1940, in Bluffton, he was a son of George and Annabell Leach Betz.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. David (Ruby) Eckelbarger and Ethel Betz, both of Bluffton, and Gwen Betz of Fort Wayne; two sons, John F. Betz and Thomas E. Betz, both of Bluffton; seven sisters, Mrs. Blanche Willette, Mrs. Sue Johnson and Mrs. Linda Stinson, all of Bluffton, Mrs. Wilma O'Hern of Hartford City, Mrs. Helen Gentis of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Esther Clements of Speedway and Mrs. Laura Zent of Huntington; four brothers, Robert Betz of Bluffton, James Betz of Poneto, Joe Betz of Decatur and Homer Betz of Frankton; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.


Pete Betz

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Arley Higginbotham officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Helen M. Ray, 85

A Bluffton native, Helen M. Ray, 85, died Friday, May 19, 2006, at her rural Decatur residence.

Mrs. Ray was a homemaker and also worked at CTS in Berne, retiring in 1985 after 20 years of service. She was a member of Union United Methodist Church and the Happy Homemaker's Extension Club.

Helen Ray

Born on Sept. 12, 1920, in Bluffton, she was a daughter of Ray and Pansy (Moyer) Flowers. Her marriage on Jan. 1, 1945, was to Oscar T. Ray, who preceded her in death on Sept. 10, 1981.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ronnie (Deborah) Butcher of Decatur; two brothers, Roger Flowers of Bluffton and Donald Flowers of Berne; a half brother, James Flowers of Bluffton; a half sister, Mrs. Hilbert (Mary) Ross of Bluffton; a stepsister, Mrs. Raymond (Marie) Vore of Portland; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur.

Services are at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Tom Brunstrup officiating.

Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery, Berne. Preferred memorials are to Dreams to Reality.

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Larry W. Valentine, 49

Larry W. Valentine, 49, of rural Bluffton died at 8:26 p.m. Monday, May 22, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Larry Valentine

Mr. Valentine had been employed in the maintenance department at Johnson Controls, where he worked for 19 years. He was a 1975 graduate of Bluffton High School.

Born on Jan. 17, 1957, in Cleveland, Ohio, he was a son of Walter and Alma L. Blankenship Valentine. His father survives and resides in Bluffton. His marriage on May 22, 1975, in Reiffsburg was to Cindy A. Grover, who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Michael (Amy) Dalrymple and Katey Valentine, both of Bluffton; three sons, Jeremy Valentine, Gabriel Valentine and Benjamin Valentine, all of Bluffton; and two granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Steven Valentine.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Tony Robles officiating.

Burial will be in Grove Cemetery, east of Poneto.

Don Lautzenheiser, 85

The father of Karen Yoder of Bluffton, Berne resident Don Lautzenheiser died at 4:07 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at Swiss Village.

Mr. Lautzenheiser was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Merchant Marines. He is the former owner of Berne Oil, and was a tool & die journeyman at CTS Corp. Later in life Lautzenheiser worked on the custodial staff at the First Mennonite Church in Berne, which he attended, and also at the Parkway Chalet restaurant.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Helen (Stucky). Born on Apr. 29, 1921 in Mercer County, Ohio, he was the son of Sydney and Sarah Ethel (Detro) Lautzenheiser.

Survivors include children Dr. Richard Lautzenheiser of Indianapolis, Ted Lautzenheiser of Berne, Mrs. Steven (Karen) Yoder of Bluffton, Dean Lautzenheiser of Cumming, Ga., and Sue Carter of Indianapolis; sisters Edna Mae Shoaf of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Wanda Buck of Greenville, S.C.; 13 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five siblings, Eldon, Cleo, Robert, and Gerald Lautzenheiser and Beatrice Wendell.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne, and Thursday one hour prior to services at the church.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the First Mennonite Church with the Rev. Ray Keim officiating.

Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery in Berne. Preferred memorials are to the First Mennonite Church Maintenance Endowment Fund.

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Pete Betz

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. David (Ruby) Eckelbarger and Ethel Betz, both of Bluffton, and Gwen Betz of Fort Wayne; two sons, John F. Betz and Thomas E. Betz, both of Bluffton; seven sisters, Mrs. Blanche Willette, Mrs. Sue Johnson and Mrs. Linda Stinson, all of Bluffton, Mrs. Wilma O'Hern of Hartford City, Mrs. Helen Gentis of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Esther Clements of Speedway and Mrs. Laura Zent of Huntington; four brothers, Robert Betz of Bluffton, James Betz of Poneto, Joe Betz of Decatur and Homer Betz of Frankton; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Ann, who was stillborn in 1952 and a brother, Ed Betz in 2004.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Arley Higginbotham officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

(The above obituary is being re-published to provide additional information)

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Kathryn L. Archbold, 84

Kathryn L. Archbold, 84, of Swiss Village Retirement Community died at 5:18 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at Adams Memorial Hospital, Decatur.

Mrs. Archbold is a former deputy clerk at the Huntington County Courthouse. She was a member of First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne.

Born on Aug. 29, 1921, in Homily, Okla., she was a daughter of Fred and Velma (Stoutenberry) Harris. Her marriage on Dec. 13, 1947, in Bluffton was to Charles W. "Bill" Archbold, who preceded her in death on April 18, 1987.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Steve (Carol) Layman of Warren; a son, Thomas Archbold of Fort Wayne; a brother, Max Harris of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Calling is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

A graveside service is planned at 1 p.m. Saturday at Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton.

Leonard Drum, 84

A former Bluffton resident, Leonard Drum, 84, of Calcutta, Ohio, died at 7:52 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at Allegheny General Hospital.

Mr. Drum had been an electrical engineer at Franklin Electric Co. until his retirement in the mid-1980s. He was a U.S. Army veteran with service during World War II. He had attended Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne to study electrical engineering.

Born on Oct. 13, 1921, in Newell, W. Va., he was a son of Walter and Nora Diddle Drum. His marriage on Oct. 13, 1979, was to Naomi Armstrong Drum, who survives.

Other survivors include a son, Dennis C. Drum of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Rusty (Pamela R.) Smith of Calcutta and Andrea L. Cornell of Las Vegas; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ila L. Wells Drum on April 17, 1975; a sister, Jane Baker; a twin brother, Lawrence Drum; and three other brothers, Carl, Bernard and Earl Drum.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Dawson Funeral Home, East Liverpool, Ohio.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Rob Merki and Rev. Paul Treese officiating.

Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery, East Liverpool, with the Tri-State Veterans Burial Group providing military honors.

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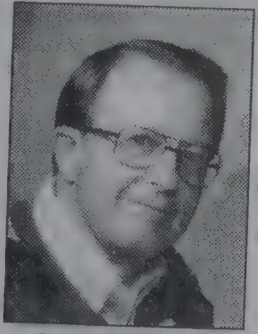
Rolland "Rollie" Wolfcale, 78

Rolland "Rollie" Wolfcale, 78, of Bluffton, died at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne at 11:25 a.m. Friday following complications from a heart attack.

Born in Bluffton Oct. 16, 1927, to William J. Sr. and Anna K. Powers Wolfcale, his marriage to the former Phyllis L. Neff took place in Bluffton May 27, 1948. She survives.

A 1945 graduate of Bluffton High School and a veteran of the United States Navy, he attended Ball State University and was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Bluffton.


Rollie Wolfcale

The builder, founder, and co-owner of Hickory Hills Golf Course, he had also served as a golf pro at Arlington Park Golf Course in Fort Wayne and at Parlor City Country Club. He was an instructor at the U.S. Golf Academy at Swan Lake in Plymouth. Wolfcale also at one time worked as a meat cutter at Herman's Market.

An avid Chicago Cubs fan, he was a lifetime member of the Professional Golfers Association, a member of the Bluffton Lions Club and Bluffton Elks Lodge. He resided at the same address on West Wiley Ave. for 53 years.

Survivors include a son, David Neal Wolfcale of Detroit, Mich.; three daughters, Constance Joyce Bade, Fort Mill, S.C., Sally Jean Onweller, Roanoke, and Katrina Lynn Covey, Noblesville; brother William J. Wolfcale Jr. of Bluffton; sisters Donna Jackson of Columbia City and Carol Sue Zoll of South Carolina; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by brothers Richard and Robert Wolfcale.

Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday under the direction of Pastor James Wehner will be at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery.

Calling Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. will be at the funeral home and also one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials may be made to the Wells County Food Bank or the First United Methodist Church.

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June E. Lawrence, 88

June E. Lawrence, 88, of Bluffton died at 7:05 p.m. Sunday, May 28, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Lawrence had been a clerk for Probate Court in Williams County, Ohio, and had owned and operated Bryan Shoe Repair in Bryan, Ohio. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Born on Dec. 28, 1917, in Bryan, Ohio, she was a daughter of Frank and Esther (Koeppe) Calvin. Her marriage in Celina, Ohio, on July 22, 1940, was to Ted O. Lawrence, who preceded her in death on Oct. 2, 1999.

Survivors include a son, Rex E. Lawrence of Bluffton; a brother, Jack Calvin of Bryan; a half sister, Lindy Jackson of Midland, Mich.; and one grandchild. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter.

Private family services will be held at Fountain Grove Cemetery, Bryan. There is no calling.

Preferred memorials are to the March of Dimes. Goodwin Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Elizabeth S. 'Betty' Sprunger, 72

Elizabeth S. "Betty" Sprunger, 72, of Berne died at 8:18 a.m. Saturday, May 27, 2006, at Swiss Village Retirement Community.

Mrs. Sprunger was active in the operation of Sprunger Shoe Store in Berne for many years. Also, she was a homemaker, a former Sunday School teacher, and a member of First Mennonite Church.

She is survived by her husband, Kenyon; a daughter and two sons; two brothers and two sisters; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. Wednesday at First Mennonite Church with Rev. Craig Maven officiating.

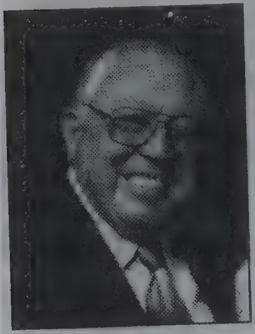
Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church. Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery.

Dale Leon 'Shorty' Mann, 77

Dale Leon "Shorty" Mann, 77, of Bluffton died at 11:45 p.m. Monday, May 29, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Mann was owner of Moser & Son Heating for more than 30 years, from 1952 to 1983. The business now is owned by his son, Steve.

He was a 1946 graduate of Liberty Center High School and a member of the Wells County Coon Hunters Club.


Shorty Mann

Born on Aug. 20, 1928, in Huntington, he was a son of Chester and Blanche Jackson Mann. His marriage on June 24, 1948, in Bluffton was to Betty L. Moser, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Steve D. Mann and David E. Mann, both of Bluffton; two daughters, Mrs. Shirley L. Boxell of Bluffton and Mrs. Cheryl Browning of Florida; a brother, William Mann of Ossian; two half sisters, Mrs. Doris McFarren of Bluffton and Mrs. Ellen Buckland of Warren; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Mark Mann; a half brother, Roger Shaw; and a grandchild.

Calling is from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Rev. Donald Wilkes officiating.

Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Epworth United Methodist Church or the Wells Community Boys & Girls Club.

Porter A. Allred, 85

Porter A. Allred, 85, died Monday, May 29, 2006, at his home in Ossian.

Mr. Allred was a foreman at U.S. Rubber for 12 years and at Bluffton Rubber for 10 years.

He was born in Jamestown, Tenn., and was a veteran with service during World War II. He was a member of American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton for 52 years.

Survivors include daughters Marsha Begley and Theresa Begley, both of Combs Perry County, Ky.; sisters Vina Hickman of Tennessee and Lillie Duncan of Knoxsville, Tenn.; seven grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice L., in 1995; a daughter, Sheila Dishong; and his companion, Juanita McBride.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park, Fort Wayne.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Rev. David Adams officiating.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Jimmy Perkins, 32

Jimmy Perkins, 32, of Montpelier died unexpectedly Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at his residence.

Mr. Perkins was a former employee of BRC at Montpelier. More recently, he was a cook on a barge for Temporary Services in Louisiana. He had attended the United Methodist Church and had participated in and won many King of the Ring boxing matches.

Born on Aug. 11, 1973, in Los Angeles, he was a son of Horace and Susan Perkins. Raised in Los Angeles, he moved to Indiana in 1990.

Survivors include a son, Jimmy Perkins Jr.; his parents, Horace and Susan Perkins of Lancaster, Calif.; his finance, Regina Speidel of Montpelier; two brothers, Anthony Horace Perkins and Johnathan Ahearn Perkins, both of Dunkirk; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Calling is from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at Waters Funeral Home, Hartford City. Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

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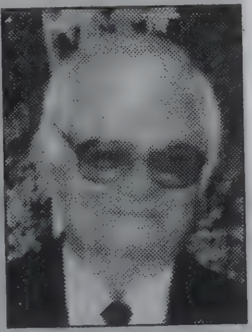
Wayne J. Harter, 76

A lifelong resident of Wells County, Wayne J. Harter, 76, died at 2:54 a.m. Thursday, June 1, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Wayne Harter

Mr. Harter was retired from the Indiana National Guard after more than 20 years of service in 1990. He retired as a Sergeant First Class. A graduate of Bluffton High School, Mr. Harter enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1950, serving from 1951 through 1954. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, and received an honorable discharge in 1954.

Mr. Harter also worked as a foreman at Kitco in Bluffton for 15 years, after which he worked at the Wells Community Hospital as an ambulance driver, and in the maintenance department. He was a member of the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton and Park United Bretheran Church.

Born on Apr. 29, 1930, he was the son of Clyde and Violet (Collins) Harter. He was married on Sept. 1, 1956, in Uniondale to Grace Anna (Walmsley), who preceded him in death on Oct. 11, 1992. Their wedding at St. Mark's Lutheran Church was performed by Grace's father, the Rev. Harry Walmsley.

Survivors include two sons, Timothy Wayne Harter of Roanoke and Ted E. Harter of Bluffton; a daughter, Mrs. Doug (Teresa) Schisler of Decatur; three sisters, Gladys Ann Huffman of Colorado, Jane Haley of Huntington, and Donna Mc Farland of Bluffton; and a brother, Don Slusher of Warren. Harter is also survived by eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by son, John Mark Harter, and by a brother, Glen Arnold.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Rev. Gary Aupperle officiating.

Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton, with military honors performed by the American Legion Post #111.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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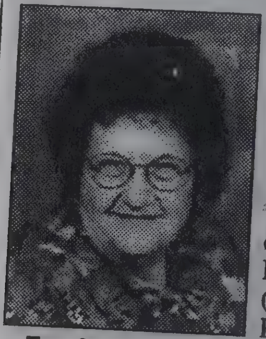
Eva Arlene Davis, 85

Eva Arlene Davis, 85, of Bluffton died at 9:03 a.m. Friday, June 2, 2006, at her residence.

Mrs. Davis had worked as a cook for the Snug Restaurant, the Progress Snack Bar and South Main Pizza. She attended Murray Missionary Church.


Eva Arlene Davis

Born on Dec. 11, 1920, in Wells County, she was a daughter of Wallace and Lovina (Dunbar) Ripple. Her marriage in Bluffton on July 18, 1939, was to Wayne K. Davis, who preceded her in death on Aug. 8, 1995.

Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn Bracht and Mrs. Max (Connie S.) Edris, both of Bluffton; a sister, Mrs. Leo (Lillian) Herring of Markle; a brother, Russell Ripple of Ossian; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother.

Calling is from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Rev. Richard Wafford officiating.

Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Murray Missionary Church.

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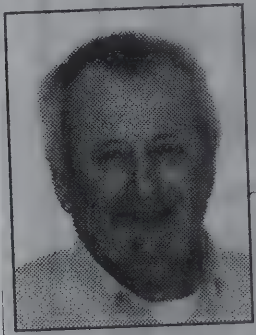
Richard W. Pinkerton, 69

A resident of Keystone, Richard W. Pinkerton, 69, died at 6:45 a.m. Saturday, June 3, 2006, at his residence.

Mr. Pinkerton, a lifelong Wells County resident, worked on his family's farm and dairy operation his entire life. He also drove a milk truck for Burch Dairy for many years. Mr. Pinkerton was a 1955 graduate of Petroleum High School. He was also a former member of the Lancaster Church of the Bretheran in Huntington County.



Richard Pinkerton

He was born on May 26, 1937, in Huntington County, to Herman and Pearl (Sprinkle) Pinkerton. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, the former Judy Breedlove. They were married on Sept. 8, 1956, in Bluffton.

Survivors include two sons, Mark of Keystone, and David of Geneva; four daughters, Susan of Keystone, Mrs. Jeff (Cinda) Higgins of Bluffton, Debra of Bluffton, and Mrs. Dana (Laura) Hudgins of Bluffton; 11 grandchilden and one great-grandchild.

He is also survived by a brother Paul of Jay County, and three sisters; Mrs. James (Mary Ann) Reed, Mrs. Delmer (Alice) James, and Mrs. Mike (Shirley) Duncan all of Wells County. He was preceded in death by a brother Raymond, and two sisters, Elizabeth Collins and Nancy Schwaller.

Calling is from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Brent James officiating.

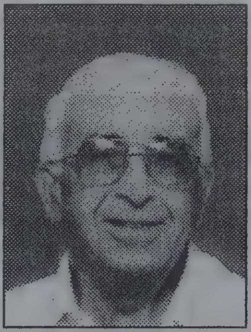
Burial will be in Alberson Cemetery in Adams County.

Preferred memorials are to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana in Berne.

James H. Rogers, 74

A lifelong resident of Wells County, James H. Rogers, 74, of Liberty Center died at 1:30 a.m. Monday, June 5, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Rogers was retired from Citizens Telephone Company in Warren after 27 years of service as a lineman. He was also a retired Wells County farmer.


James Rogers

A 1950 graduate of Chester Center High School, Mr. Rogers was a member of the Liberty Center Baptist Church.

Born on Jan. 16, 1932 in Poneto, he was the son of Thurel and Elizabeth (Coulter) Rogers. He was married on October 12, 1952, in Keystone to his wife of 53 years, Mildred "Shirley" (Brown) Rogers, who survives.

Other survivors include his daughter Lea Ann Rogers of Liberty Center, a sister, Doris I. Elliott of Anderson, and a grandson.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert H. Rogers.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel in Montpelier.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Walker Chapel with Pastor Dan Sommer officiating.

Burial will be in Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier.

Preferred memorials are to Rogers family.

Erna W. Schumm, 93

The mother of Ralph Schumm of Bluffton, Mrs. Erna Schumm, 93, of Convoy, Ohio died at 10:40 p.m. Sunday, June 4, 2006, at Van Wert County Hospital, Van Wert, Ohio.

Mrs. Schumm was a homemaker, and also formerly worked at Betty's Restaurant in Convoy, Pete's IGA in Convoy, and Williams IGA and Rager's Meats both of Van Wert. Mrs. Schumm was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Convoy, and the Van Wert chapter Red Hatters.

Born October 3, 1912 in Adams County, Mrs. Schumm was the daughter of William J. and Anna Haugk Klenk. She was formerly married to Arthur W. Schumm, now deceased.

Survivors include her sons Ralph of Bluffton, Richard and Ronald both of Van Wert, David of Thousand Oaks, Ca. and her daughter, Mrs. James (Mary) Van Fleet of Westerville, Ohio.

Mrs. Schumm is also survived by her sister, Alma Springer of Ossian, and 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchilden, and one great great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by brothers, William, Arthur, Karl, and Ferd, and a sister Joanna Weber.

Calling is from 2 to 4 to and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Gearhart, Mack & Jurczyk Funeral Home, 655 N. Main Street, Convoy.

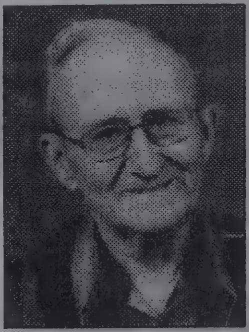
Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Redeemer Lutherar Church in Convoy, with Rev. Michael Saylor officiating.

Burial will be in Convoy I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Redeemer Lutheran Church radio broadcast or th Van Wert area visiting nurses association.

Robert L. Martin, 81

Robert L. Martin, 81, of Bluffton died at 6:45 p.m. Monday, June 5, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Martin had worked at Decatur Casting, retiring in 1982 after 14 years of service. His career included 37 years as a molder in foundries.


Robert Martin

Born in Worthington, Ind., on April 4, 1925, he was a son of John M. and Mary Fulk Martin. His marriage in Marion on July 12, 1968, was to Lois M. Myers, who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Bonnie Nichols of Huntington and Mrs. Joyce Morris of Virgie, Ky.; a stepson, Keith Archbold of Bluffton; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Paul (Susan) Thomas, Mrs. Becky Welsh and Nancy Archbold, all of Bluffton; two brothers, James Martin and Richard Martin, both of Marion; two sisters, Mrs. Lois Dunn and Mrs. Jay (Francis) Carter, both of Marion; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, two brothers, three grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Rev. Don Wilkes officiating.

Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington County.

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Timothy C. Sisco, 18

Timothy C. Sisco, 18, of Bluffton died Monday, June 5, 2006, in Fremont.

Mr. Sisco worked in construction. He formerly was employed at McDonald's in Berne. A former Fremont resident, he had attended Steuben County-area schools and South Adams Schools. He recently earned his GED.

Timothy Sisco

Born in Angola on Oct. 6, 1987, he was a son of Michelle (Sisco) Engle and Kim Willibey.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Michelle and Tim Engle of Bluffton; his father and stepmother, Kim and Diana Willibey of Angola; grandparents Carl and Pat Sisco of Fremont and Donnell and Shirley Willibey of Hamilton; stepgrandparents Margaret Parsell of Waterloo and Don and Carol Engle of Bluffton; two sisters, Kirsten and Tana Willibey of Angola; a brother, Taylor Sisco-Milleman of Angola; and two stepsisters, Shaye and Shelby Engle of Bluffton.

He was preceded in death by a stepgrandfather, John Parsell.

Calling is from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

A graveside service is planned for 2 p.m. Friday at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Dunkirk, with Rev. Kent Ringger officiating.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Edibelle 'Edi' Thomas, 88

Edibelle "Edi" Thomas, 88, of Bluffton died at 9:05 a.m. Monday, June 5, 2006, at River Terrace Estates, Bluffton.

Edi Thomas

Mrs. Thomas retired from Klain Steel in 1980, and formerly worked at Moorehead Electric. She lived in Marion most of her life and moved to Bluffton in 1980.

Born in Bluffton on July 30, 1917, she was a daughter of Dwight and Dale (Clampett) Weaver. She married William Harry Thomas, who preceded her in death on Oct. 14, 2001.

Survivors include two sons, William D. Thomas of Surfside Beach, S.C. and Harry D. Thomas of Lansing, Mich.; three grandsons; and eight great-grandchildren.

Calling is from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service North Chapel, Marion.

Services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Rev. Douglas Hadley officiating.

Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Huntington.

Lloyd Francis Bennett, 78

The father of Jeff R. Bennett of Poneto, Lloyd Francis "Herk" Bennett, 78, of Phoenix died at 8:25 p.m. Sunday, June 4, 2006, at Hospice of Arizona from complications of cancer.

Mr. Bennett retired from Warner Gear, Muncie, in 1980, after 30 years of service. He also was a former builder for Ernie Gause and Maurice Tourney. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Born in Marion on Oct. 17, 1927, he was a son of Carl R. and Helen (Andes) Bennett, and graduated from Hartford City High School. His marriage in Hartford City on Feb. 14, 1953, was to Jane Ellen (Rhodes) Bennett, who survives.

Other survivors, in addition to the son in Poneto, include a daughter, Susan Jane Bennett of Glendale, Ariz.; a grandson; a stepgrandson; and a great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by a son, Cecil Robert Bennett; two brothers, Herschel Paul Bennett and Donald L. Bennett; and a sister, Mary Jane McLaughlin.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday and 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Rev. Gary Hall officiating.

Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park Cemetery, Marion, with military graveside rites by Moyer-American Legion Post of Hartford City.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Diane E. Pless, 20

Diane E. Pless, 20, of Pittsburgh, Pa., died unexpectedly at 12:25 a.m. Tuesday, June 6, 2006, her residence.

A hostess at the Bravo Italian Restaurant in Pittsburgh, she had lived in the Pittsburgh area for seven years. She previously resided in Katy, Texas, and Plainfield, Ind. Her family is from the Jackson Township area of Wells County. She was born on Sept. 24, 1985, in Beech Grove, Ind.

Diane Pless

Survivors include her father, Dana M. Pless of Sewickley, Pa.; her mother, Cindy J. (Pinkerton) Pless of Montpelier; a brother, David C. Pless of Rockwall, Texas; and a paternal grandmother, Elizabeth Eldridge of Indianapolis.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren.

Services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Dick Frederick officiating.

Burial will be in Jones Cemetery, Warren. Preferred memorials are to the donor's favorite charity.

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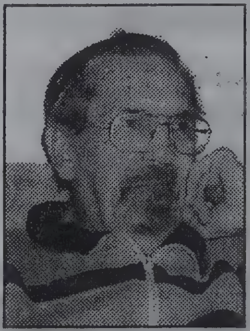
Alfred C. Middleton, 78

The father of Daniel Dickerson of Markle, Alfred C. "Al" Middleton, 78, rural Huntington, died at 8:10 a.m. Tuesday, June 6, 2006 at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.


Alfred Middleton

Born in Allen County on Oct. 18, 1927 to John A. and Viola Payton Middleton, he married Sharon Stockman in November 1975; she died in 1994.

A U.S. Army veteran, he worked at Sequoia Supply in Fort Wayne for more than 20 years, retiring in 1989.

Other survivors include two daughters, Rae Oswald of Roanoke and Sandra Griffith of Leo; another son, John Middleton of Clarksville, Tenn.; nine grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, David Dickerson; a daughter, Marcella Middleton; and a brother, Albert "Mike" Middleton.

Private family services and interment at the Markle Cemetery will be held at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by Myers Funeral Homes, Huntington Chapel.

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Margaret W. Patch, 77

A longtime Geneva resident, Margaret W. Patch, 77, died at 3:20 a.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at Woodcrest Nursing Center, Decatur where she had resided the past few months.

She was a homemaker and a member of Faith Baptist Church in Berne. She lived in Geneva for 22 years and has resided the past three years at Woodcrest Nursing Center.

Margaret Patch

Born on Dec. 19, 1928, in Paulding, Ohio, she was a daughter of Thomas and Eva (Snider) Jacobs.

Survivors include a sister, Dorothy Windsor of Fort Wayne; a nephew, David Windsor of Fort Wayne; and Virgil D. Egly of Decatur, for whom she was a long-time caregiver.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Mason; and a brother, Charles "Bud" Jacobs.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Travis Combest officiating.

Burial will be in St. Luke United Church of Christ Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the National Kidney Foundation.

Mary Esther Lemar, 89

A native of Majenica, Mary Esther Lemar, 89, of Huntington died at 11:55 a.m. Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at her home following an extended illness.

Along with her husband, Max, she owned and operated Lemar's Cleaning, Pressing and Tailoring Shop for 40 years until her retirement in 1985.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at College Park United Brethren Church, Huntington, with visitation one hour prior to the service, with Pastor Brent A. Birdsall and Dr. Raymond Waldfogel officiating. Burial will be in Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery, Huntington.

Sherry Moore Severt, 56

Mother of Kevin Moore of Bluffton, Sherry Moore-Severt, 56, of St. Mary's, Ohio, died at 8:50 a.m. Friday at the Valley Nursing Home in St. Mary's

Born Oct. 3, 1949, in Celina, Ohio, to Charles and Audrey Miller Bennett, she was a homemaker and employed in distribution at the St. Mary's Evening Leader.

Additional survivors include her mother, Audrey Bennett-Bordon; another son, Jeff Moore, of St. Mary's; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Bennett, and a son, Gregory Moore.

Services are scheduled for 3 p.m. Monday, June 12. at the Miller Funeral Home, St. Mary's, Ohio. The Rev. Bill Maki will be officiating.

Calling at the funeral home will be from noon to 3 p.m.

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Shirley Kay Thomas, 58

A longtime educator in Southern Wells schools, Shirley Kay Thomas, 58, of Bluffton, died unexpectedly at home at 8 a.m. Sunday, June 11, 2006 of natural causes.

Mrs. Thomas recently retired after 16 years as the librarian at Southern Wells Elementary School. She previously taught in several capacities in Southern Wells for 28 years, and also taught for a few years at the Blackford Elementary School. A 1966 graduate of Waldron High School, Mrs. Thomas graduated from Indiana University Bloomington in 1971, with a degree in elementary education, specializing in kindergarten and early childhood education. She received her Masters Degree in the same areas from Indiana University Bloomington in 1974.

Shirley Thomas

Mrs. Thomas served on the Wells County Library Board for several years. She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Daughters of the Nile, Teti Sheri Temple, Alethieia Chapter of the Eastern Star, Indiana State Reading Association, and the International Reading Association. She was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Montpelier.

Born in Greensburg, Indiana, March 10, 1948, Mrs. Thomas was the daughter of Mark and Kathryn (Barker) Rick. Mrs. Thomas resided in Blackford and Wells Counties since 1977. She was married to Thomas N. Thomas on May 26, 1973 in Waldron. Mr. Thomas preceded her in death on August 19, 2001.

Survivors include her daughter Tamerley "Tamy" Thomas of Bluffton; two brothers, Daniel C. Rick of Anderson and Terry L. Rick of Flat Rock, and a sister, Mary Jane Morgan of Flat Rock.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Services are at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Rev. Michael Lawson officiating. In addition, an Eastern Star Memorial Service will be conducted by Crescent Chapter 9, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Burial will be in Stahl Cemetery, Wells County.

Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Association nd the Daughters of the Nile Burn and Convalescent fund.

Eugene F. Osborne, 89

A resident of Ossian, Eugene F. Osborne, 89, died Friday, June 9, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton.

Osborne was the son of Fred and Grace (Steed) Osborne. Born in Muncie, Mr. Osborne was a tool & die maker. He was a member of Holy Scripture Lutheran Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Harmon of Bluffton, and a son, Daniel Osborne of Fort Wayne, along with three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceeded in death by his wife, Harriet M. Osborne, and his brother, Raymond Osborne.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Avenue, Fort Wayne.

Services are at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Nell W. Hawk, 83

Nell W. Hawk, 83, of Gaston, died Friday, June 9, 2006, at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. Born Feb. 13, 1923, she was a graduate of Indiana Business College and worked most of her life as a homemaker and bookkeeper for Hawk Family Farms.

She is survived by three sons, a sister, seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and relatives in the Wells County area. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold D. Hawk.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m . Tuesday at Garden View Funeral Home in Muncie where calling will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday with Pastor Rusty Clements officiating.

Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Muncie.

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G. Alex Mahorney Jr., 63

G. Alex Mahorney Jr., 63, of Montpelier died at 5:10 p.m. Monday, June 12, 2006, at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Mr. Mahorney was retired from Indiana Box Corp. in Montpelier. He also worked at Stantons Standard Station, and was an avid harness racer and trainer.

Alex Mahorney

He was on the Montpelier Fire Department and the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association. Additionally, he was a Boy Scout leader, a Little League coach and a member of First Church of the Nazarene.

Born in Louisville, Ky., on Feb. 8, 1943, he was a son of George A. Mahorney Sr. and Helen E. (Wright) Mahorney, and was a graduate of Montpelier High School. His marriage on Feb. 10, 1963, in Montpelier was to Janet Sue (Downhour) Mahorney who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Jodi E. Mahorney and Angela L. Mahorney, both of Montpelier; a son, Brian A. Mahorney of Montpelier; a sister, Mrs. Max (Vera) Moore of Houston; a brother, Jon Mahorney of Montpelier; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson.

Calling is from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Rev. Bob Bothast and Pastor Rich Hadley officiating.

Burial will be in Brookside Memorial Park, Montpelier.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Elna F. Bailey, 95

A longtime Geneva resident, Elna F. Bailey, 95, died at 7:05 a.m. Sunday, June 11, 2006, at Woodcrest Nursing Center, Decatur.

Mrs. Bailey was a homemaker and also was the bookkeeper for her husband's business, Bailey's Garage, for more than 40 years. She also worked at Tate's Grocery.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva. Services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Rev. James Bontrager officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Geneva.

Elna Bailey

Lowell B. Noll, 89

A longtime resident of Pleasant Mills, Lowell B. Noll, 89, died at 2:20 p.m. Monday, June 12, 2006, at Adams Memorial Hospital, Decatur.

Mr. Noll retired in 1979 with 40 years of service at the Central Soya plant where he was a quality control inspector and supervisor.

A U.S. Army veteran with service during World War II, he was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post #43. He was a member of Pleasant Mills Baptist Church, Decatur Moose #1311, Limberlost Legion of the Moose and he was a charter member of the Pleasant Mills Lions Club.

Lowell Noll

Born in Decatur on Feb. 10, 1917, he was a son of William M. and Aletha F. (Roop) Noll.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Mankey; four daughters, Carol L. Coffield and Mrs. Kenneth (Marlene A.) Straub, both of Monroe, and Mrs. Jerry (Susan E.) Douglas and Mrs. Marvin (Debra K.) Double, both of Decatur; three sons, Roger R. Noll of Fort Wayne, John M. Noll of Decatur and Duane M. Noll of Ohio City, Ohio; four stepdaughters, Mrs. Robert (Sharlene) Royer of Moneta, Va., Mrs. Dale (Marlene) Mankey of Canada, Sandra Myer of North Judson and Mrs. Terry (Becky) Fishbaugh of Markle; two stepsons, Leroy Mankey of Markle and Gordon Mankey of Bluffton; four sisters, Mrs. Glen (Maxine) Gephart of Cedar Lake, Betty Goddard of Muskegon, Mich., Mrs. Jon (Thelma) Alexander of Fort Wayne and Marilyn Price of Decatur; 11 grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Neva L. Riley on March 7, 1986; his second wife, Lucille E. (Kelley) Wagner on Dec. 18, 1997; a son; a daughter; six sisters; four brothers; and a grandson.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 2 to 4 and 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. A Moose memorial service will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Richard Sprunger officiating.

Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery with military graveside honors by the American Legion Post #43 Color Guard.

Preferred memorials are to Pleasant Mills Baptist Church or Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

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Ron DeWitt Killed in Huntington County Crash

Collision at State Roads 3, 124 Claims Bluffton High School Athletic Director/Coach

By GLEN WERLING

A tragic accident has claimed the life of Bluffton High School athletic director and girls' basketball coach, Ron DeWitt.

DeWitt, 62, of 3884SE-Ind. 116, was pronounced dead at the scene of the 5:07 p.m. crash Tuesday.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Ind. 124 and Ind. 3, a four-way stop intersection, in Huntington County, about nine miles west of Bluffton.

According to a report by Capt. David McElhaney of the Huntington County Sheriff's Department. DeWitt was stopped behind another vehicle when his pickup truck was slammed into from behind by a semi.

Kevin Plasterer, 25, of 5901E-4081N, Van Buren, was stopped while westbound on Ind. 124. Plasterer was just starting across the intersection and DeWitt was pulling up to the intersection when the semi hauling potato chips and pretzels from Poore Bros., driven by Cecil B. Hall, 56, Kenansville, N.C., slammed into the rear of DeWitt's pickup truck, propelling it forward into Plasterer's suburban.

The suburban traveled off the southwest side of the road. The semi and DeWitt's pickup truck came to a rest along the northwest side of the intersection.

DeWitt's pickup truck burst into flames and quickly became engulfed with DeWitt trapped inside.

Ron DeWitt

The Markle Fire Department and rescue unit, Warren Fire Department and Liberty Center Fire Department were all dispatched to the scene.

According to Markle Fire Chief Duane Brumbaugh, the impact by the semi was so severe, that DeWitt's pickup truck folded, pushing the gas tank into the rear of the cab of the truck and causing it to burst.

The fire extended from DeWitt's pickup truck to the semi, igniting it and consuming it and also burned a portion of the trailer and the contents inside. Hall was able to exit the semi safely.

The large fire sent billows of black smoke into the air that were visible for miles.

Hall, Plasterer, and his 23-year-old wife, Amber, all suffered minor injuries in the crash and were taken by ambulance to Parkview Huntington Hospital.

An autopsy was scheduled to be performed to determine DeWitt's cause of death.

The accident closed both highways at the intersection for nearly six hours.

"I've lost a dear friend and colleague," said Bluffton High School boys' basketball coach and assistant principal Wayne Barker this morning. "The impact that he's had on Bluffton High School for almost 40 years is not able to be measured. He's impacted generations of families and many, many students both as a classroom teacher and coach and athletic director. The loss is just very devastating. He's left

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Ron DeWitt

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behind a great legacy of service for children and for the people in this community."A native of Huntington County, DeWitt came to Bluffton at the beginning of the 1967-68 school year after graduating earlier that year from Huntington College.

He earned his master's degree from Ball State in 1971.

DeWitt taught math and general business before assuming the athletic director's position in 1996.

He coached numerous athletic teams during his 39 years in the Bluffton school system, including head basketball coach for both the girls and boys programs. He also coached basketball at junior varsity, freshman and eighth grade levels.

Additionally, he was involved in the boys track program for 13 years, serving as head coach for 10 years during a time in which the track program enjoyed outstanding success under his leadership.

He also coached boys cross country for a period of 10 years.

DeWitt was serving his third stint as the head coach of the girls basketball program.

He first assumed that role in 1981 and held the spot for five years before accepting the boys' head job.

He later returned to the girls position and took the Lady Tigers to the state finals in 1998 when Bluffton played in the Class 2A championship contest.

He resigned the post after that season but was lured back to the program two years ago and was in the process of rebuilding the Lady Tiger program.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

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Second 124 Fatal Crash in as Many Days Claims Bluffton Teen's Life

By J.G. WALLACE

For the second time in as many days, a motor vehicle collision on State Road 124 has claimed the life of a Wells County resident.

Logan M. Langford, 17, 1630W-200N, Bluffton, died Wednesday evening of blunt force trauma after he apparently failed to yield the right of way to another vehicle at Ind. 124 and 300 West.

A preliminary investigation by the Indiana State Police has determined that a red 1994 Ford Probe driven by Langford failed to stop at a stop sign and was struck by a silver 2005 Pontiac driven by Ashely Tinkle, 23, of 9670W-1200S, Huntington County.

The crash occurred at 6:42 p.m.

The initial investigation determined that the Ford Probe driven by Langford was traveling southbound on 300 West. Langford failed to stop at the intersection and was struck by Tinkle's vehicle, which had been traveling westbound on 124. Tinkle was unable to avoid the collision and struck the Ford in the side.

The crash forced both vehicles off the roadway into the southwest corner of the intersection, shearing off a guy wire of an I&M utility pole. Langford's vehicle turned over, pinning the occupants inside. The front of Tinkle's car was up against the overturned Langford auto.

Police determined that Tinkle had been wearing her seat belt and her airbag deployed, which minimized her injuries.

The initial police report also stated that the occupants of Langford's car were not wearing seatbelts at the time of the collision.

The passengers in Langford's car were both injured. Listed as cousins by the police report, Heather White, 16, of 500 Woodcreek Drive, Ossian, and Joe White, 16, of the same address, were both transported by air to Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

As of Thursday morning both were still at Parkview. Front seat passenger Heather White suffered a fractured leg and clavicle. She was listed in fair condition according to a spokesperson for the hospital.

Joe White, a rear seat passenger, suffered fractures of the pelvis, ribs, and arm, as well as a large laceration to his scalp. Joe White was listed in serious condition.

Tinkle was transported to Bluffton Regional Medical Center with unspecified injuries. No further information on Tinkle's condition was available.

The road remained closed from the time of the collision until 10:22 p.m. At the time of the crash road conditions were normal and dry.

It was the second traffic fatality in Wells County for this year. William J. Hockenberry, 50, rural Uniondale was killed in a two-vehicle crash April 19 at the intersection of 300W and Ind. 116.

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The crash also came just one day after Bluffton High School athletic director Ron DeWitt, 62, Bluffton, was killed on the same stretch of Ind. 124 five miles further west at the Ind. 3 intersection.

Langford had reportedly just completed his sophomore year at Norwell High School.

The accident was investigated by Trooper Matt Teusch of the Fort Wayne Post of the Indiana State Police. He was assisted by Sheriff Barry Store, Chief Deputy Monte Fisher and Deputy Jeff McClish.

Also assisting were Trooper Mark Leatherman, and Trooper Trent Kiefer of the Indiana State Police.

Other assisting agencies included the Wells County Sheriff's Department, the Bluffton Police Department, Liberty Center Fire and Rescue, Markle Fire and Rescue, Bluffton Fire and Rescue, Wells County Medic units 2, 5, and 7, Samaritan Helicopter, Lutheran Air Helicopter, the Indiana Department of Transportation, and the Wells County Coroners Office.

Ronald 'Ron' DeWitt, 62

Ronald "Ron" DeWitt, 62, of rural Bluffton died at 5:07 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2006, in an automobile accident in Huntington County.

Mr. DeWitt was a longtime teacher, coach and athletic director at Bluffton High School. He started at Bluffton at the beginning of the 1967-68 school year after graduating earlier that year from Huntington College. He earned his master's degree from Ball State University in 1971.

He taught math and general business before assuming the athletic director's position in 1996. He coached numerous athletic teams during his 39 years in the Bluffton school system, including head basketball coach for both the girls and boys programs. He took the Lady Tigers to the state finals in 1998 when Bluffton played in the Class 2A championship contest.

Ron DeWitt

Mr. DeWitt also coached basketball at the junior varsity, freshman and eighth grade levels. He was involved in the boys track program for 13 years, including 10 years as head coach. He coached boys cross country for 10 years and also coached girls track, and both boys and girls tennis.

He was a member of the Indiana Basketball Coach's Association and the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrator's Association.

An active member of First United Methodist Church, he served as an usher and on several church committees over the years. He also was a member of the Bluffton Elks Lodge.

Born on Jan. 29, 1944, in Huntington County, he was a son of Edison and Marcelline Jane (Meyer) DeWitt. His mother survives and resides in Roanoke. He graduated in 1962 from Roanoke High School.

His marriage on Nov. 26, 1966, in Huntington was to Janet J. (Overholt) who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Kerry (Michelle) Gentis of Bluffton and Mrs. Cecil (Beth Ann) Greck of Asheville, N.C.; a son, Matthew R. DeWitt of Fort Wayne; a sister, Mrs. Linda Molfenter of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Brent DeWitt of Churubusco, Gary DeWitt of Roanoke and Michael DeWitt of Huntington; and four grandchildren.

Services are at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bluffton High School Gymnasium with Pastor Cindy Osgood officiating.

Calling is from noon to 9 p.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, and on Saturday at the high school from 10 a.m. until the time of services.

Burial will be in the Garden of Chimes at Elm Grove Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Ron DeWitt Memorial Scholarship Fund or First We Care.

Helen P. Holmes, 88

A lifelong resident of the Warren area, Helen P. Holmes, 88, died at 10:20 a.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Helen P. Holmes

Mrs. Holmes along with her late husband D. Dwight "Tilly" Holmes owned and operated a jewelry store in Warren for 35 years. Holmes, a 1936 graduate of Lancaster Township High School in Huntington County, was a 50 year member of the Warren United Methodist Church, and a longtime member of both Tri-Kappa and the Eastern Star in Warren.

Born on Dec. 28, 1917, she was the daughter of Glenn and Effie (Schultz) Rudicel, both deceased. She was married on Oct. 27, 1940 in Warren to D. Dwight "Tilly" Holmes, who preceded her in death on May 18, 2006.

Survivors include her son John Holmes of Birchrunville, Pa., a granddaughter Mrs. Reggie (Christine) Griffin of Arizona, and two nephews, Jack and James Rudicel of Huntington, In.

She was also preceded in death by her brother Gene Rudicel.

Calling is from noon until 3:00 p.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Memorial Home, with arrangements by Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren. Funeral services are at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, also at the United Methodist Memorial Home, with Rev. Howard Cross officiating.

Burial will be in the Masonic Cemetery in Warren.

Floyd E. Shelton, 86

A Roll resident, Floyd E. Shelton, 86, died at 3:10 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2006, in Bluffton Regional Medical Center following a long illness.

Mr. Shelton had worked for many years at Overhead Door Corporation and Dana Corporation in Marion, and had retired in July, 1981 from RCA Corporation in Marion after 17 years of employment. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, having served in the China, India, and Burma theatres.

In his retirement Mr. Shelton traveled, enjoyed country and bluegrass music shows, and grew corn, green beans, and tomatoes in his productive garden. He was known for his ready sense of humor, and in recent years he enjoyed watching the Indiana Pacers and reruns of the Andy Griffith Show.

Born on July 23, 1919 in Blackford County, he was the son of Clel and Carrie (Shrader) Shelton. Mr. Shelton attended Roll schools. On March 9, 1941 he married Rachel Ross, his wife of 55 years who survives. Shelton lived in Roll most of his life.

Survivors include his wife Rachel, his son Lewis Shelton of Manhattan, Ks., his daughter Mrs. Mike (Gloria) Ray of Montpelier, a granddaughter Mrs. Tim (Traci) Davis of Poneto, along with four step-grandchildren, and 10 step great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, and two sisters.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 15, and after 10 a.m. Friday at the Waters Funeral Home in Hartford City. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday at the funeral home, with burial to follow in Roll Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, 265 W. Water Street, Berne.

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Logan Langford, 17

A lifelong resident of rural Bluffton, Wells County, Logan Langford, 17, died at 6:50 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2006, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

Langford had just completed his sophomore year at Norwell High School, Northern Wells Community Schools. Langford was also active with Wells County 4-H Horse and Pony club in recent years.

Logan Langford

Born on Dec. 31, 1988, he was the son of Ryan Langford of Berne, and Cindy Dunwiddie of Bluffton, who are not married.

He is survived by his parents, his sister Michelle Langford of Bluffton, his maternal grandmother Betty Dunwiddie of Bluffton, his fraternal grandparents Claude and Doris Langford of Fort Wayne, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Gerald Dunwiddie.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Services are at 10:00 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Rev. Tony Robles officiating.

Burial will be in St. Paul's Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made to the family through the funeral home.

Sharon R. Harper, 70

Sharon R. Harper, 70, Markle, died at 4:05 p.m. Thursday, June 15, 2006 at her home.

Sharon Harper

Born May 21, 1936 in Fort Wayne to Archie L. and Velma M. Roe Evans, she was a homemaker and also a waitress at the Brass Rail in Fort Wayne and the Warren Truck Stop Restaurant.

Survivors include two sons, David Buchan and Rusty Harper, both of Markle; two daughters, Lorrie Harper, Markle and Deni Harper, Bluffton; two brothers, Ricky Evans, Fort Wayne and Ronnie Evans of Texas; her stepmother, Marge Evans of Florida; seven grandchildren; and two great grandchldren. She was preceded in death by a son, Allen Griffin; a brother, Jerry Evans; and a sister, Barbara Hormann.

Calling hours are Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel and for one hour prior to the service, which will be held there on Monday at 10 a.m.

Interment will be at the Williamsport Cemetery in Poe. Preferred memorials are to the family.

Vivian Pope Scheele, 91

Vivian C. Pope Scheele, 91, Markle, died at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, June 15, 2006 at Markle Health Care.

Born April 20, 1915 in Cooperstown, N.D. to Conrad E. and Tillie Olsen Olson, she married Fred T. Pope in April, 1932 in Raub, N.D.; he died in June, 1967. She married Harold Scheele in Dec., 1977 in Uniondale; he survives.

Vivian Pope Scheele

Mrs. Scheele worked at Square D for 35 years, retiring in 1986.

Other survivors include threee sons, Gene Pope, Bluffton, Wayne E. Pope of Hoagland, and Richard Pope of Markle; a daughter, Violet F. Veazey, Markle; a sister, Connie Scheel of Garrison, N.D.; nine grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; and 14 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Rose Pope; a brother, Rudolph Olson; a sister, Blanche Hansen; and one grandchild.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel with Rev. Gene Pope officiating. Calling hours begin at noon Saturday until the time of the service.

Interment will be in Horeb Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Markle Park.

Ronald D. Hilton, 78

A longtime Bluffton resident, Ronald D. "Ron" Hilton, 78, of Toledo, Ohio, died Wednesday, June 14, 2006.

Mr. Hilton and his family lived in Bluffton for many years, where he operated Hilton Auto Salvage and Hilton Truck and Equipment Co. In 1974 he moved to Toledo, where he opened Bi-State Ford Truck Center, where he acted as president until 1979. He then opened Hilton Truck and Equipment Co., which repaired and sold diesel tractors. The company later relocated to Maumee, Ohio. Hilton was a World War II veteran, serving as a Navy Seabee stationed in the Marshall Islands.

Hilton had been involved as a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, a Rotary Club, Elks, and American Legion member.

Born on Oct. 9, 1927 in Sanborn, Iowa, he was the son of Fred and Carolyn Hilton. He was married on Oct. 20, 1951 to Helen E. Nelson, who preceded him in death. He is survived by his son R.D. Hilton of Erie, Mi., and two grandsons. He was also preceded in death by his son J. Nelson Hilton, and his brother Eugene Hilton.

Calling is from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the Walker Funeral Home in Toledo. Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Saturday at Christ Presbyterian Church in Toledo.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Preferred memorials are to the Zenobia Shrine Temple.

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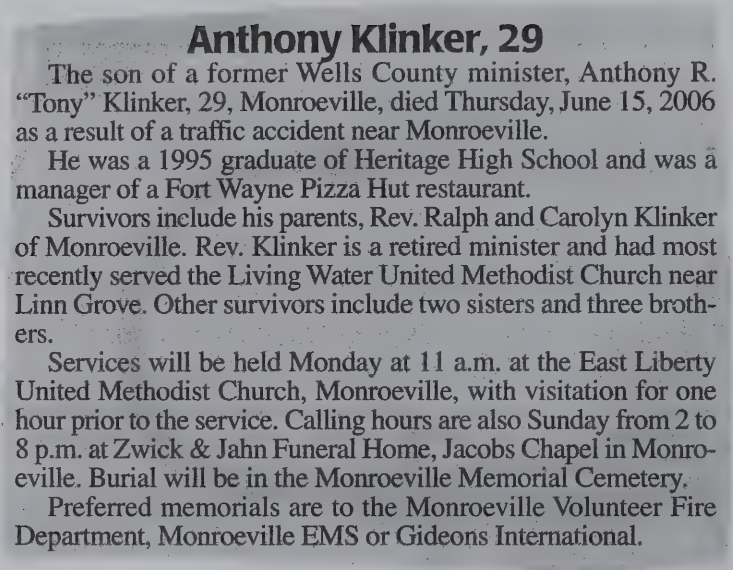

Anthony Klinker, 29

The son of a former Wells County minister, Anthony R. "Tony" Klinker, 29, Monroeville, died Thursday, June 15, 2006 as a result of a traffic accident near Monroeville.

He was a 1995 graduate of Heritage High School and was a manager of a Fort Wayne Pizza Hut restaurant.

Survivors include his parents, Rev. Ralph and Carolyn Klinker of Monroeville. Rev. Klinker is a retired minister and had most recently served the Living Water United Methodist Church near Linn Grove. Other survivors include two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the East Liberty United Methodist Church, Monroeville, with visitation for one hour prior to the service. Calling hours are also Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel in Monroeville. Burial will be in the Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Department, Monroeville EMS or Gideons International.

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Family Members, Colleagues in Tributes to Ron DeWitt at Tiger Den Funeral; Over 600 Attend

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And the rain fall softly on your fields
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of his hand

—An Irish blessing, author unknown

By JOE SMEKENS

At Bluffton High School's Tiger Den Saturday afternoon there was a standing ovation, and there was even a rousing version of the "Black and Crimson" BHS school song.

But there was no game that day.

There was a celebration, however, of the life of BHS Athletic Director/Coach Ronald "Ron" DeWitt, who died Tuesday, June 13 in a traffic accident.

More than 600 people were in attendance for DeWitt's 2 p.m. funeral, which followed four hours of calling in the flower-bedecked commons area of the school.

A day earlier, at Thoma/Rich Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, hundreds and hundreds of people were lined up the entire day to pay their respects to the man who had touched so many lives during his 39 years in the Bluffton-Harrison school corporation as a teacher, coach and administrator.

In a moving ceremony, tributes came from family members as well as six men and women who were closely connected to DeWitt.

Speaking on behalf of the family and for DeWitt's wife, Janet, were their children, Mrs. Kerry (Michelle) Gentis, Matt DeWitt, Beth Greck and her husband, Cecil.

School personnel in tributes were Principal Steve Baker, Vice-Principal Wayne Barker, Asst. Athletic Director Julie Tobias, assistant basketball coaches Pam Vanderkolk and Shawna Herring and retired BHS teacher Tony Garton.

Presiding at the service was Pastor Cindy Osgood of First United Methodist Church, where the DeWitt family attends regularly.

Ron DeWitt's children expressed their appreciation for what has been an overwhelming show of support in so many different ways.

"Dad always wanted us to finish what we started, and was proud of us when we did. He wouldn't let you quit," said Michelle Gentis, the oldest of the three children.

"He hoped for us to be basketball players instead of being 'one of those

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cheerleaders,'" she noted, which drew warm laughs.

Michelle said that she and her husband will always remember her dad's quick visits to their home, noting "But we really knew it was to see his grandchildren.

"I saw him cry for the first time when he held my baby in his arms," she said.

Coach DeWitt is survived by four grandchildren, Emma and Austin Gentis and Samantha and Conner DeWitt.

"I love you with all my heart. This is not goodbye, but just until we see each other again," Michelle said in her closing remarks.

"I always knew he was a great man but have been truly amazed by the outpouring of support from the community and other communities," said Matt DeWitt, who like his father, has a career in education.

"My dad was my whole life. I have tried to live every day of my life just like him. These last few days I've come to realize how much greater he was than what I already thought," Matt said.

"He was such a giving and caring person. He truly loved crawling around on the floor chasing his grandchildren. They will definitely miss their pa-pa.

"I would ask that you take what he gave to you and pass on to your friends, your children and your grandchildren," Matt DeWitt told the large audience.

"He was a man of few words. He showed his love through different means. This was his way of showing he cared about me and loved me," said youngest child Beth Greck.

"I'd be a rich woman if I had a dollar for everytime someone has told me 'you're just like your dad.' It used to drive me crazy, but I couldn't be any prouder today. I love you with all my heart," Beth said of her father.

Also speaking on behalf of the children's spouses and Ron DeWitt's family was Beth's husband, Cecil who read a letter of appreciation from Ron DeWitt's siblings."

The letter told of how Ron DeWitt, being the oldest sibling always liked have fun. "He loved to tease us, but not as much as he loved to hug us. There will forever be a sadness in our hearts, but our memories will never fade,'" the message said.

Pastor Osgood then reading from scripture, quoted Isaiah 40:28-31 and Romans 8:31-39.

Principal Steve Baker told of his 21-year association with DeWitt.

"It's an honor to be asked to speak here today. Ron was a great man. I know I need to be more like Ron in my own life.

"He was a very modest man. He came in and did his job, period," Baker said.

Baker pointed out that DeWitt had earned many individual honors over the years but he didn't like to dwell on them.

"He taught us to be fierce, competitive and good sports. He knew there was no substitute for hard work. We all have learned a lot from him," Baker said, noting that the impact DeWitt made at Bluffton High School will be ongoing.

Baker closed his eulogy with a reading of the Irish blessing shown at the beginning of this story.

He noted that BHS track coach Stan Gilbert would always read the verse at the school-ending sports program and Baker thought the words were truly fitting in celebrating the life of DeWitt.

"Ron was a humble God-loving man. Death is a coronation day and Ron's faith has now been replaced by what he sees in heaven," said Asst. Principal Wayne Barker.

"He gave of himself to so many children over the years. He believed that many lessons of life could be learned from being involved in athletics," Barker said.

"I love you and I'm going to miss you," Barker said in his closing.

Julie Tobias reflected on her 19 years working with DeWitt including 10 years as his assistant.

"We shared many good times and bad times. We got mad at each other and would give each other the silent treatment, but we always worked it out," she said.

"I admired his work ethic and he taught me a lot. He always treated everyone fairly. The last six years we hosted many tournaments at the school, including four this past year," Tobias said, pointing to DeWitt's determination to always make sure things went off without a hitch.

Tobias noted DeWitt's wide collection of hats over the years. "But my favorite one is laying there," she said, pointing to the closed casket where an old rumpled cap lay, with the words "Life Is Good" inscribed.

"Life was great for Ron DeWitt," Tobias said. "Today we celebrate his life. Tomorrow is Father's Day and we should celebrate his life also," Tobias said in telling the audience that he should always be remembered.

"He was a big old teddy bear who like to hide behind a grizzly bear mask," said Pam Vanderkolk in her tribute to DeWitt.

"He had a twinkle in his eye and a laugh that was pure magic," she said of the side of DeWitt that was not always evident. "He was very kind and generous to all off his players and kids."

Among those attending the funeral were members of the 1998 BHS girls basketball team which DeWitt led to the IHSAA Class 2A State Finals.

Vanderkolk pointed to the team members and said, "He was putty in their hands. They had him wrapped up. They managed to take off the grizzly bear mask for a while, not because of their success, but because of who they are. They loved and respected him and he loved and respected them."

Vanderkolk pointed to last Monday evening, the last time DeWitt was with his current basketball team members. The team had just come back from playing in the Norwell Summer League and the last words he said to them as they departed the bus were "I love you."

Shawna Herring told off how DeWitt was like a second father for her, always concerned about her well-being.

"Looks can be conceiving," she said in reference to his grizzly bear appearance.

"He put on a good front. He was truly concerned about the lives, needs and the tears of the girls. He could recognize their bad days and wished he could fix their troubles," she said.

Last to speak was Tony Garton, who spent 33 years working with DeWitt at BHS.

He told of how DeWitt every year would slip Garton a $100 bill during his "Bucket's for Santa" fundraiser for need people.

"He'd always say 'don't you say a word.' In 33 years, that's over $3,000 he gave to help needy people," Garton said.

"He gave s a lot of choices," Garton said, pointing to the state finals banner hanging from the Tiger Den rafters. "His legacy must go on," he added.

"Life is like a trolley car," Garton reflected. "Your relatives are always on the trolley car. Some friends get on, some get off, and some get back on again. I'm glad that Ron was, and always will be on my trolley car."

Garton then called for those present to do something which DeWitt would probably not like.

"I know Ron would have a cow, but if you would, after I return to my seat, I'd like everyone to rise and give him a standing ovation," Garton said.

A long round of applause for Coach DeWitt followed and after final words from Rev. Osgood, those in attendance filed from the Tiger Den to the tune "Black and Crimson."

Burial services followed at Elm Grove Cemetery with Coach DeWitt laid to rest in the Garden of Chimes.

Joan M. Deckard, 54

Joan M. Deckard, 54, of Bluffton, died at 2:03 p.m. Friday, une 16, 2006 at her home.

Joan Deckard

Born in Waukegan, Ill., on Oct. 29, 1951 to George and Dorothy Larkin Evans, she married Michael L. Deckard on July 31, 1971 in Crystal Lake, Ill.; he survives.

A 1971 graduate of Crystal Lake Central High School, she was a full time homemaker and had served as a Cub Scout den mother for seven years. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints in Beloit, Wisc. and enjoyed doing genealogy work. She and her husband moved to Bluffton in February of this year, having formerly lived in Crystal Lake and Rosco, Ill.

Other survivors include three sons, Shawn P. Deckard of Anthony, N.M., Ryan M. Deckard and Michael A. Deckard, both of Machesney Park, Ill.; one brother, Mark Evans of Massachusetts, and one grandchild.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton, with calling there Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. Cremation will follow the service Wed.

William E. "Bill" Bennett, 65

A resident of North Oak St. Extended, William E. "Bill" Bennett, 65, died in the Bluffton Regional Medical Center emergency room Saturday, June 17, 2006, at 6:54 a.m.

Born Nov. 9, 1940, in Bluffton to Cleo O. and Marjorie F. Barton Bennett, he married the former Freeda F. Humphrey May 4, 1979, in Bluffton.

A member of the Domestic Church of Christ, he served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1962, worked at Corning Glass for 19 years and was employed by the Skiles Corp. for three years before retiring.

Survivors include three sons, John E. of Hartford City, Brian of Bluffton, and Timothy F. of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Teresa S. Jordon, Ossian; three step-children, Bonnie Humphrey of Berne, Grace L. Timmons of Warren and Dallas Humphrey of Bluffton; a sister, Donna Bennett, Bluffton; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jammie Bennett, and a sister.

Services Tuesday at 2 p.m. will be at Goodwin Memorial Chapel under the direction of Rev. Dennis King. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Calling from noon until times of service Tuesday will be at the funeral home.

American Legion Post 111 will conduct military graveside rites at the cemetery.

Helen Cuba Risser Burnam Crowe, 94

A native of Petroleum, Helen Cuba Risser Burnam Crowe, 94, died Saturday, June 17, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Fort Wayne.

Helen Crowe

Born in Petroleum May 23, 1912, to Calvin H. and Lovina Mable Risser, she was a 1930 graduate of Petroleum School.

She married Joseph Burnam in 1935 and he preceded her in death in 1984. She married James Arthur Crowe in 1989 and he preceded her in death in 1994.

After moving to Fort Wayne, she worked at Dudlo and Seyferts and then worked at General Electric for 25 years, retiring in 1973 as a payroll clerk.

She was a member of the Simpson United Methodist Church, the GE Quarter Century Club and the GE Elex Club, Honor-Ettes Chapter.

Survivors include a brother, George Henry Risser, of Seminole, Fla.; several nieces and nephews, including Virginia Huguenard of Fort Wayne; and caregiver Valerie Colburn of Corunna.

She was predeceased by sisters Irene Stoner, June Michael and a brother, Lloyd Risser.

Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday will be at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, Waynedale, with calling two hours prior to services.

Burial will be in Stahl Cemetery.

Dale E. Sparks, 80

A resident of Van Buren, Dale E. Sparks, 80, died at Marion General Hospital Saturday, June 17, 2006.

Calling was scheduled for 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, Van Buren. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Gerald M. Miller, 73

A resident of New Corydon, Gerald M. Miller, 73, died unexpectedly at his residence Sunday, June 18, 2006, at 1:10 a.m.

Services will be at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva, at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday with calling from 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Travis W. Wolf, 34

A former resident of Craigville, Travis W. Wolf, 34, of Marion, Ohio, died after being struck by a train in Marion at 11:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, 2006.

Born April 27, 1972, in Wells County to Ron and Sharon "Shari" Wolf, he was married to Tina Wolf of Marion, Ohio. She survives.

A 1991 graduate of Grahm High School in St. Paris, Ohio, he was a skilled welder, graduating from Hobart School of Welding in Troy, Ohio, in 1993.

In addition to his parents in Bluffton, and his wife, he is survived by a step-daughter, Brittany Smith, of Marion; a sister, Mrs. Ara (Veronica) Millhouse of Williamsburg, Va.; and grandparents Truman and Ruby (Brown) Welch of Muncie.

He was preceded in death by grandparents DeWitt and Esther Wolf and grandfather Melvin Brown.

Services at 2 p.m. Thursday will be at the First Church of Christ with Pastor Larry Sprinkle officiating. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery.

Calling will be from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials may be made to the family. Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ruby Jane Harnish Irwin, 86

A resident of the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home, Ruby Jane Harnish Irwin, 86, died at the home Sunday, June 18, 2006, at 1:40 a.m.

Born in Wabash County Aug. 15, 1919, to Clem and Ruby Bright Harnish, she married Edward Irwin in Grant County Nov. 18, 1939. He preceded her in death Jan. 27, 2004.

Ruby Irwin

An accomplished artist, she was a member of the Presbyterian faith.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Charlie (Sandra) Bauer of Barrington, Ill, and Mrs. Charles (Kathaleen) Pepper of Hoffman Estates, Ill.; a sister, Mrs. Paul (June) Roducker of Wabash; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Karen Rose Villwock and a brother, Gene Harnish, preceded her in death.

Services at the home will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday with calling one hour prior. Rev. Edwin Clark will officiate. Burial will be at Center Grove Cemetery, Wabash.

Arrangements are in charge of Glancy Funeral Homes-H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren.

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Rebecca 'Becky' Keegan, 74

The sister of Kate Disler of Bluffton, Rebecca "Becky" Keegan, 74, died June 10, 2006, at her Jacksonville Beach, Fla., residence.

Born in Berne on April 30, 1932, she was a daughter of Jacob and Florence King Mazelin. She had lived in Florida for 48 years.

Survivors, in addition to the sister in Bluffton, include her husband, Ron of Jacksonville Beach; three daughters, Gloria Mathis and Dianne Hodges of Jacksonville Beach and Carla Maggart of Utah; a son, Daniel Parker of Jacksonville Beach; three stepdaughters, Shelly Christman, Crystal Scott and Tammy Taylor; a stepson, Doug Kinsey; 12 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son; two sisters; and two brothers.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 13.

Clifford L. Franks, 71

A brother of William Franks of Bluffton, Clifford L. Franks, 71, died Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at his residence in Portland.

Mr. Franks was an employee of Quick Plastic in Portland for 20 years from 1969 to 1989. He then worked at Portland Hatchery for several years.

A U.S. Army veteran, he was a member of American Legion Post #211 in Portland.

Born in Portland on Sept. 19, 1934, he was a son of Orval and Clara L. (Corle) Franks. His marriage on Feb. 23, 1962, was to Joan Goubeaux, who survives.

Other survivors, in addition to the brother in Bluffton, include five daughters, Mrs. Ronald (Patty) Duke of Hartford City, Mrs. Mark (Clara) Ward of Iola, Texas, Mrs. Jim (Mary K.) Duke of Pennville; Sally S. Franks of Geneva and Mrs. Fred (Barb A.) Reese of Decatur; three sons, Clifford Franks Jr., Orville L. Franks and Joseph L. Franks, all of Portland; another brother, Dale G. Franks of Soldier, Ky.; 35 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Calling is from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Portland Chapel of Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home.

Services are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Phill Jellison officiating.

Burial of the cremains will take place at a later date at Wells Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice.

Mary Lucille Angelo, 55

A Bluffton native, Mary Lucille Angelo, 55, of Carlinville, Ill. died at 1:44 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at Carlinville Area Hospital.

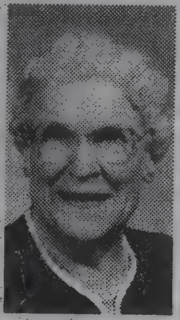
Mrs. Angelo had worked for Wal-Mart as a receiving clerk for 23 years.

Born in Bluffton on July 10, 1950, she was a daughter of Kenneth Woodrow and Mary Jane Grogg Perry. Her marriage in Las Vegas in 1977 was to T. Lynn Angelo, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Mario Mock of Ft. Campbell, Ky., and Monty Mock of Carlinville; a stepson, Randy Angelo of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Patty Jo Carrigan of Auburn; five brothers, Max Perry and Ralph Steven Perry, both of Bluffton, Harold Perry of Montpelier, Howard Perry of Pierceton and Kenny Perry of Keystone; a sister, Roxanna Thompson of Poneto; four grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 19, at Davis-Anderson Funeral Home. Burial was in Prairie Lawn Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Juanita (Seybert) Schrope, 92



Juanita Schrope

A resident of United Methodist Memorial Home at Warren, Juanita (Seybert) Schrope, 92, died at 8:55 a.m. Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Survivors include her husband, Elvin M. Schrope of Warren.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 1 to 2 p.m. Friday at United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren.

Services are at 2 p.m. Friday at the home with Rev. John Bellante and Rev. John Wallace officiating.

Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery, Warren. Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren, is in charge of arrangements.

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Russell L. Amaden Sr., 65

Russell L. Amaden Sr., 65, died Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at his residence in Yoder.

Mr. Amaden was a Principle Specification Compiler at International Truck & Engine, retiring in 1996. He was a Navy veteran and was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Yoder. He was born Jan. 25, 1941, in St. Joe, Ind.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Amaden of Yoder; his mother, Bernadine Amaden of Hicksville, Ohio; a daughter, Melissa Mercer of Edgerton, Ohio; three sons, Craig Amaden and Russell L. Amaden Jr., both of Angola, and Matthew Amaden of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters, Diane Hines of Delphos, Ohio, Michelle Kruckeberg of Grabill and Pamela Andorfer of Urbandale, Iowa; three sisters, Judith Rapone of Leo-Cedarville, Susan Shanks of Hicksville and Lee Ann Sleesman of Charleston, S.C.; six grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 14623 Bluffton Road, Yoder.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne. There is also calling one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Burial will be in St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to St. Aloysius Catholic Church Building Fund or the St. Aloysius Catholic School.

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Betty M. Eichhorn, 87

Betty M. Eichhorn, 87, of Zanesville passed away Saturday, June 24, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Eichhorn was a longtime member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Uniondale. She was a graduate of Liberty Center High School.

Born in Wells County on May 14, 1919, she was a daughter of George and Jessie Krinn. Her marriage on June 19, 1940, was to Samuel Eichhorn, who survives. They met at the Bluffton Street Fair in 1936.

Other survivors include two sons, Darrel of Valparaiso and Terry of Zanesville; a daughter, Mrs. Bill (Carol) Mincoff of Fort Wayne; a sister, Maxine Roush of Bluffton; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian. Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Uniondale.

Kay Miller, 64

A former Bluffton resident, Kay Miller, 64, died Monday, June 26, 2006 in Ococee, Fla. Death was attributed to congestive heart failure.

Mr. Miller was born Feb. 2, 1942, in Bluffton. He is survived by his wife, the former Becky Decker, also formerly of Bluffton.

Also surviving are his mother, Wanda Overholtz of Lee High Acres, Fla., two sons, Toni Miller of Lansing, Mich., and Shawn Miller of Ococee, Fla.; a brother, Kenny Miller of Jellystone, Ind., seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Miller.

Services were slated for Wednesday at Woodlawn Funeral Home in Ococee.

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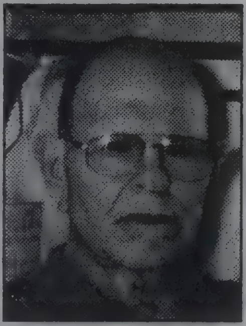
Wayne E. West, 86

Calling hours are today from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for Wayne E. West, 86, of Montpelier, who died at 5:36 a.m. Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at Blackford Community Hospital in Hartford City.

Mr. West graduated from Montpelier High School in 1938. He served in the Army during World War II from Jan. 19, 1943, to May 11, 1945. He retired from Crankshaw Chevrolet in Montpelier after 35 years, where he worked as parts manager. He was a lifetime member of the Tri State Gas Engine & Tractor Association, and he was also a member of the Millard-Brown American Legion Post #156.

Born in Blackford County on April 28, 1920, to Charles and Mable D. (Rhoton) West, his marriage in Marion on Feb. 27, 1946, was to Nellie M. Scott, who survives.



Wayne West

Additional survivors include two sons, Larry of Berne and Gary of Montpelier; four grandchildren and one great grandson.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Crystal Crisamore, and a brother, Dale West.

Calling hours will be at Glancy Funeral Home - Walker Chapel in Montpelier. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 29, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier. Millard-Brown American Legion Post #156 is in charge of military graveside rites.

Fannie M. Baker, 71

The mother of Bluffton High School Principal Steve Baker, Fannie M. Baker, 71, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Fannie Baker

Mrs. Baker attended the Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho. She was a manager at Bridgedale Apartments from 1966 to 1990. She also worked at Farm Bureau from 1952 to 1963, and she worked in concessions at the Don Ayres Times Corners Little League from 2004 to 2006.

She volunteered for Youth for Christ attended The Chapel in Fort Wayne.

Born Oct. 25, 1934, in Decatur, her marriage was to Thomas A. Baker, who survives.

In addition to her Bluffton son, she is survived by sons Mick Baker of Roanoke and Rod Baker of Leo; a stepson, Thomas J. Baker of Fort Wayne; a brother, Leon Habegger of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at The Chapel, 2505 W. Hamilton Road, Fort Wayne, with calling hours one hour prior to the service. Visitation will also be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at The Chapel. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials to Youth for Christ, Fort Wayne area.

Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals in Fort Wayne is handling arrangements.

Nancy Jean Jones, 63

A 1961 graduate of Ossian High School, Nancy Jean Jones, 63, of rural Warren, died at 10:44 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Nancy Jean Jones

Mrs. Jones worked at Key Plastics in Hartford City for 12 years. She enjoyed gardening, baking and flowers. She attended Asbury Church in Montpelier.

Born June 24, 1943, in Allen County to Lawrence and Arlene Woods Rekeweg, her marriage on Sept. 11, 1965, at Asbury Church in Montpelier was to Donald Lee Jones, who survives.

Additional survivors include a son, Randy Jones of Pennville; two daughters, Julie Jones and Mrs. Michael (Rebecca) Anderson, both of Bluffton; two sisters, Judith Ann Rekeweg of Fort Wayne and Mrs. David (Fern "Sonny") Daily of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jamie Lynn Jones.

Calling hours will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. John Wallace officiating. Burial will be in Jones Cemetery in Warren.

Preferred memorials to Victory Junction Gang or St. Joseph Indian School.

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Ralph Steven 'Duck' Perry, 57

Ralph Steven "Duck" Perry, 57, of Liberty Center died at 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Perry had been an inspector at Sterling Casting for 33 years. Born in Wells County on Oct. 17, 1948, he was a son of Kenneth W. and Mary J. Grogg Perry.

"Duck" Perry

Survivors include his children, Steven W. Perry of Liberty Center, Kevin L. Perry of Poneto and Jonah M. Perry and Shawn B. Perry, both of Roanoke; a sister, Mrs. Kenny (Roxanne) Thompson of Poneto; four brothers, Howard D. Perry of Pierceton, Max E. Perry of Bluffton, Harold A. Perry of Montpelier and Kenneth D. Perry of Keystone; his companion, Vanessa Macon; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary L. Angelo.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Rev. Clarence Baker officiating.

Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery.

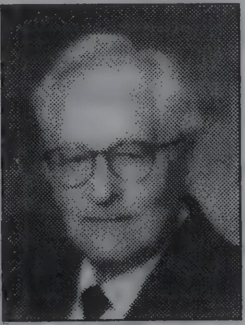
Eugene L. Breiner, 80

A general foreman at International Harvester for 41 years, Eugene L. Breiner, 80, of Decatur, died Thursday, June 29, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Breiner was a World War II Navy veteran. He was a member of the International Harvester Alumni Club. He retired from International Harvester in 1983.

Born Nov. 26, 1925, in Tocsin, his marriage was to Betty R. Breiner, who survives.

Additional survivors include his mother, Mary F. Breiner of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Susan L. Girod of rural Ossian; a sister, Betty Fuller of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.


Eugene Breiner

He was preceded in death by sons Stephen E. and Rex A. Breiner.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian. Calling hours will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ossian.

Preferred memorials to multiple sclerosis research.

Wilda L. Scott. 83

A former Markle resident, Wilda L. Scott, 83, of Indianapolis died Thursday, June 29, 2006, at St. Vincent Hospice.

Mrs. Scott graduated from Union Center High School in Huntington County and from Fort Wayne Beauty College. She was the owner-operator of Ramone Beauty Salon in Markle.

She moved to Bloomington following her husband's death and relocated to Indianapolis in 1980 and re-established herself in the hair-care business. She was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church and Order of Eastern Star and a former member of the Markle United Methodist Church.

Born Aug. 3, 1922, in Huntington to Charles H. and Mary Ellen Dean Cline, her marriage on April 20, 1940, was to Charles H. Scott, who preceded her in death on Aug. 11, 1976.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Alan (Tonya) Brown of Carmel; a brother, Guilford Cline of Huntington; two sisters, Violet Rice Yoars of Warsaw and Ina Adams of Huntington; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center-Carmel, with calling there from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. before services.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Markle Cemetery in Huntington County. The Rev. Burt Kite will officiate.

Preferred memorials to the American Cancer Society.

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Betty S. Day, 92

A lifelong resident of Grant County, Betty S. Day, 92, died Thursday, June 29, 2006 at Zionsville.

Mrs. Day was a retired teacher with 33 years of classroom experience. She was a graduate of Van Buren High School, attended Marion College, and had a masters degree in education from Ball State Teacher's College, now Ball State University.

Betty Day

She was the widow of Elmer Day, killed in World War II, and also of Russell Day. She is survived by two daughters, Mary Joanna Day of Marion, and Betty Joanna Day of Indianapolis. She is also survived by three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Day was preceded in death by a son, William George Day, and two sisters, Genevieve Blinn and Evelyn Buhler.

Calling is from 1 p.m. until to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 2, at the Ferguson & Glancy Funeral home in Van Buren. Eastern Star memorial services will be held at 5 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home, with Pastor Kaye Patton and the Rev. Keith Phillips officiating. American Legion Auxiliary, Brown & Doyle Post 368 will hold a memorial service following the graveside rites.

Burial will be in the Van Buren Cemetery.

Vera L. Sheets, 76

A lifelong resident of Decatur, Vera L. Sheets, 76, died at 6:10 p.m. Thursday, June 29, 2006, at Adams Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Sheets had been a nurse's aide for 25 years at what is now Adams Memorial Hospital, and was a former member of the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

Born on Mar. 23, 1930 in Decatur to Samuel and Nellie (Springer) Cottrell, she was married on June 20, 1948 in Decatur to Brice F. Sheets, her husband of 58 years who survives.

Vera Sheets

Other survivors include her three sons, Jeff L. Sheets of Decatur, Brice A. Sheets of Decatur, and James F. Sheets of Geneva; a daughter, Mrs. Gary Frauhiger of Fort Wayne; a brother, Don Cottrell of Pittsburgh, Pa., seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Irene Robison and Ida Mae Clark; two brothers, Frank and Earl Cottrell, a daughter Linda K. Sheets, and a great-granddaughter, Gabrielle Frauhiger.

Calling is from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 2, in the Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, and one hour prior to the service on Monday.

Services are at 1:00 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Jeff Taylor officiating.

Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Vera Sheets Fund.

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Megan Kathryn Boxell, 26

A 1998 graduate of Norwell High School, Megan Kathryn Boxell, 26, of Decatur, died at Parkview Memorial Hospital at 4:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, 2006.

Born in Bluffton Oct. 1, 1979, to Paul M. Boxell and Shirley Mann Boxell, she was a graduate of International Business College with an associate's degree in medical assistance. She was a dialysis technician for Fresenius Medical Care in Van Wert, Ohio.

Megan Boxell

In addition to her father, who lives in Valparaiso, and her mother, who lives in Bluffton, she is survived by her stepmother, Janice Boxell, of Valparaiso, a son, Matthew Dylan McBride; grandparents Betty Mann of Bluffton and Charles and Beverly Boxell of Warren; a half sister, Mrs. Jim (Erin) Hull of Decatur; step brothers Darren and Mike Williams, both of Fort Wayne, and Brian and Shawn Williams, both of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Leon "Shorty" Mann.

Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday under the direction of Rev. Cindy Osgood will be at Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Calling is at the funeral home Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Matthew Dylan McBride and Shirley Boxell.

Rosemond L. Booth-Croy, 91

A longtime Bluffton resident, Rosemond L. Booth-Croy, 91, died at 3:30 a.m. Monday, July 3, 2006, at the Christian Care Retirement Center in Bluffton.

Mrs. Booth-Croy was a former dispatcher with the Bluffton Police Department and became the city's first female police officer in the late 1950's. She worked as the front desk administrator at the Caylor-Nickel Clinic for eight years before her retirement in 1976. Booth-Croy was a 1933 graduate of Bluffton High School, and was a member of Psi Iota Xi, the Eastern Star, and the Bluffton Elks Lodge. She was a 21-year member of the Six-Mile Church in Bluffton, but transferred her membership back to the First Church of Christ in Bluffton where her family had attended.

Rosemond Booth-Croy

She was born on August 27, 1914 in Pennville, the daughter of John and Edna (Sawyer) Rix. She was married on October 21, 1935 to her first husband Frank Booth, who preceded her in death on October 18, 1968. She married Clarence Croy in Bluffton on January 3, 1976. He preceded her in death in 2006.

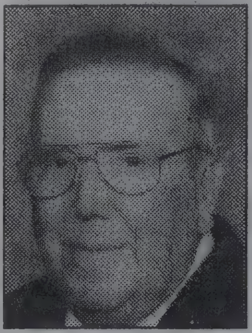
She is survived by two sons, Fred K. Booth of Post Falls, Idaho, and Charles "Chad" Booth of Denver, Colorado, as well as a daughter Mrs. Don (Deborah) Bowman of Bluffton; her stepchildren, Mrs. Jerry (Polly) Dubach of Geneva, Donald Croy of Vera Cruz, and Jerald Croy of Fort Wayne, and her sister Mrs. Doris E. Harris of Bluffton. She is also survived by 21 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Calling is from 2 p.m. until to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton, with an Eastern Star memorial service set for 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Services are at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Preferred memorials are to the First Church of Christ Building Fund, Christian Care Retirement Center, or to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Eugene F. Wyss, 76

Eugene F. Wyss, the father of Ossian resident Robert A. Wyss, died Sunday, July 2, 2006 at his residence in Fort Wayne.


Eugene Wyss

Mr. Wyss was a lifelong farmer and had also worked at Royal Lace Paper Company for 16 years. Mr. Wyss was an army veteran of the Korean War, and enjoyed collecting antique tractors. He was a parishioner at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, and was a former member of the Holy Name Society.

Born in Allen County on Jan. 20, 1930, Mr. Wyss is survived by his wife Mary Ann Wyss. Wyss is also survived by his sons Robert A. Wyss of Ossian, and Stanley J. Wyss of Fort Wayne; daughters Mrs. Chris (Janet) Tyner of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Gary (Karen) Freiburger of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Joe (Kathy) Dluzak of Roanoke, Mrs. Kevin (Sandra) Frasure of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Randy (Pamela) Walker of Roanoke. He is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are a brother, Richard Wyss, and three sisters, Marjorie Borne, Eileen Kryder and Shirley Loshe, all of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a daughter Judy A. Heckber, and three brothers Donald, Jerome, and Elmer Wyss.

Calling is from 1 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, with a rosary service held at 8 p.m. on Thursday. Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. Burial will be in St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are masses, Cancer Services of Allen County, and to Myeloma cancer research at Indiana University Medical Center.

Steven B. Grace, 45

A native of Wells County, Steven B. Grace, 45, of Tavares, Fla., died Thursday, June 15, 2006. Death was attributed to cancer.

Born Nov. 19, 1960 in Bluffton to Melvin and Melberta Grace, he was a graduate of Norwell High School and formerly attended St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bluffton. He moved to central Florida in 1983.

In addition to his parents, who reside in Eustis, Fla., he is survived by his wife, Tricia, of Tavares, Fla.; two brothers, Robert of Teaneck, N.J., and Michael of Winter Haven, Fla., and three sisters, Janet Gould of Fort Wayne and Marlene Caylor and Judy Heckber, both of Ossian. He was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Grace.

Phyneal L. "Butch" Knight, 76

A former resident of Wells County, Phyneal L. "Butch" Knight, 76, died at 4:20 p.m. Monday at his residence in Fort Wayne.

Butch Knight

Mr. Knight had worked with his father Clint Knight hanging wallpaper in Bluffton, and had also worked for Dana. He was retired from the C.L. Schust Roofing Company in Fort Wayne after 27 years of service. He served in the U.S. Marines during the Korean Conflict, and was a member of American Legion Post #82 in Fort Wayne. He lived for 9 years in Florida.

Born on Feb. 2, 1930, in Bluffton, Mr. Knight was the son of Clint and Ethel (Beason) Knight. He was married to Madge Joan (Brickley) for 46 years. She preceded him in death on Nov. 17, 2002.

He is survived by two sons, Lamoin Knight of Fort Wayne, and Bob Knight; two daughters, Mrs. Don (Sandy) Prater of Ossian, and Mrs. Steve (Christina) Eberly of Hamilton; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by a brother Raymond C. Knight of Portage, Mich., and a sister Mrs. George (Marleen) Andoe of Plano, Ill. He was preceded in death by brothers, Robert and Blane Knight.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Preferred memorials are to the Children's Hope Hospitality House on the Lutheran Hospital Campus.

David Owen Noll, 75

A former Wells County resident, David Owen Noll, 75, died on Friday, June 30, 2006 at his residence in North Fort Myers, Florida. Noll was born on Sept. 25, 1930 in Bluffton. He and his wife Jean resided in Linn Grove for 47 years, before moving to Fort Myers in 1997.

A memorial service was to be held at the Good Shepherd Methodist Church in North Fort Myers on Thursday, July 6, at 11 a.m.

A memorial service will be held in Bluffton at a later date.

Peggy L. Headley, 69

A former Montpelier resident, Peggy L. Headley, 69, died Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at her residence in Lake Placid, Fla.

Mrs. Headley was a member of the Eastern Star of Indiana #126, where she held Star office. She was a hospital volunteer in Lake Placid and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary of North Webster, Ind. She attended Eastside Christian Church in Lake Placid.

Peggy Headley

Born on Sept. 25, 1936, in Hartford City, she was a daughter of Max Reasoner and Edna (Landon) Headley.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Headley of Lake Placid, Fla., four daughters, Mrs. Steve (Debra) Snyder of Muncie, Mrs. Dan (Wanda) Bennett of Crawfordsville, Mrs. Glen (Kelly) Crist of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Randy (Paula) Hawn of Cromwell; a sister, Mrs. Dwight (Patty) Bell of Montpelier; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Eastside Christian Church in Lake Placid. There is no calling.

Additionally, a memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier. It will be preceded by an Eastern Star service, also scheduled for 2 p.m. July 22 at the funeral home.

Burial will be at a later date. Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Hope Hospice.

John Sanford Rehrer, 88

A longtime former Franklin Electric Co. employee, John Sanford Rehrer, 88, passed away Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at his Fort Wayne residence.

Mr. Rehrer had a 33-plus-year career at Franklin Electric, retiring in 1983. Earlier, he had worked for General Electric and Morrill Motors.

He was a lifelong resident of Fort Wayne and was an active member of Waynedale United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia; six children; three stepchildren; two sisters; 10 grandchildren; 20 stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; 28 stepgreat-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 46 years, Velma Yoder Rehrer; a brother; and a sister.

Services were at 11 a.m. today at Waynedale United Methodist Church. Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne, was in charge of the arrangements. Burial is in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County, Visiting Nurse & Hospice or Waynedale United Methodist Church.

Tiffany J. Petty, 18

A native of Bluffton, Tiffany J. Petty, 18, of Portland died Tuesday evening, July 4, 2006, at Jay County Hospital's emergency room following an auto accident.

Born in Bluffton on April 24, 1988, she was a daughter of Paul Armstrong Jr. and Amy Petty.

A 2006 graduate of Jay County High School, she was a certified nursing assistant, having worked for several area nursing homes. She also worked for Pak-A-Sak, and she was a member of First Church of Christ.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Amy and Ernesto Gonzalez of Bluffton; her father, Paul Armstrong Jr. of Portland; three brothers, Daniel Gonzalez of Greenville, Ohio, Visente Vasquez Jr. of Portland and Edward Gonzalez of Bluffton; five sisters, Celina Gonzalez and Jessica Vasquez, both of Bluffton, and Loren Armstrong, Amanda Armstrong and Breanna Armstrong, all of Portland; grandparents Ronald and Jo Petty, and Paul and Becky Armstrong, all of Portland, and Guadalupe Gonzalez of Texas; and greatgrandparents, Gene and Irene Kegerreis of Pennville.

Calling is from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland.

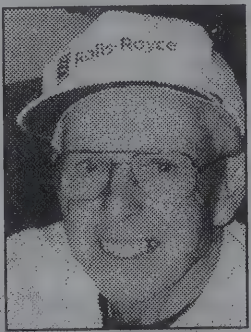
Services are at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Flint Redwine presiding. Preferred memorials are to the family.

David J. Huffman, 74

A resident of rural Bluffton and a former Wells County councilman, David J. Huffman, 74, died at Lutheran Hospital at 1:41 p.m. Thursday, July 6, 2006.

Born in Bluffton June 22, 1931, to Joseph F. and Dorothy L. Dykes Huffman, his marriage the former Elberta "Bert" Warthman took place April 7, 1951 in Wells County. She survives.

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, he was owner and operator of Huffman's Welding Shop for 30 years. He served as plant manager from Bluffton Rubber Co. and was vice president for one of the company's divisions, retiring in 1995. Previously he had worked for Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Co. in Indiana and Ohio and was a supervisor for Consumers Power in Michigan. He was also a member of the Bluffton Elks Lodge and the American Legion Post #111.



David Huffman

Additional survivors include a daughter, Camille D. Richard, and a son, Joseph Huffman, both of Indianapolis; a sister, Barbara Johnson of Domestic; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services at 2 p.m. Sunday will be under the direction of Pastor Neal Ainsley at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery. A military flag presentation will be made by the American Legion Post #111.

Calling at the funeral home will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday and an hour prior to services Sunday.

Memorials may be made to the Wells County Animal Shelter or to Lancaster Chapel Church.

Elizabeth B. Madsen, 77

A Bluffton resident and former Ossian resident, Elizabeth B. Madsen, 77, died Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at the Christian Care Retirement Center.

Mrs. Madsen was a retired funeral director in Rocky Hill, Conn., where she previously resided. She was also a former resident of Blacksburg, Va. She was born on Sept. 19, 1928 in Schenectady, New York, to Joseph and Louise (Tule) Bullock.

Mrs. Madsen was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force during Korean Conflict, and had attended Wethersfield Community Church in Connecticut. She was also a member of the American Legion and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was the widow of Nord Madsen. She is survived her daughter, Mrs. Robert (Sandy) Smith of Ossian, along with her three sons, Bruce of Chattanooga, Tenn., Joseph of Wethersfield, Conn., and David of Coventry, Conn. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services are at 12:30 p.m. Monday at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian with Pastor Floyd Vieth officiating. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Michael D. Perry, 62

A member of the Montpelier Millard-Brown American Legion Post #156 and the Lake Bluewater Golf Club in Montpelier, Michael D. Perry, 62, died at his residence in Hartford City at 4:54 a.m. Thursday, July 6, 2006.

Born in Blackford County March 2, 1944, to Joseph and Betty Brees Perry, he married the former Sharon Hudson in Hartford City Feb. 19, 1993. Both his mother and wife survive.

He retired in March of this year following a 17-year career as a crane operator at Omni Source of Muncie. He was U.S. Army veteran.

Michael Perry

Additional survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Joe (Janice) Bruce of Huntington; three step-sons, Brian Rowles of Midland, Mich., Brent Rowles of Franklin and Chad Rowles of Portland; three sisters, Pat Sell, Mrs. Randy (Diane) Holder and Kim Gruesbeck, all of Muncie; a brother, Bill Hicks of Broomfield, Col.; and eight grandchildren.

His brother, Joe, preceded him in death.

Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday will be under the direction of Rev. Joe Hines at Glancy Funeral Homes, Walker Chapel, Montpelier. Burial will follow at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville.

Calling at the funeral home will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Glen R. "Jerry" Eubank, 71

Brother of Helen M. Eubank of Warren, Glen R. "Jerry" Eubank, 71, of Syracuse, died at 5:25 a.m. Thursday, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born April 8, 1935, in Turkey Creek Twp., Kosciusko County, to Roy F. and Amy R. Wiley Eubank, he married the former Agatha Jo Cloud at Boehmer United Methodist Church June 25, 1955. She survives. He was a 1954 graduate of Warren High School,

Additional survivors include a son, Richard, of Fort Wayne; daughters Mrs. James (Susan M.) Keller of Fort Wayne, Mrs. David (Glenda) Gafner of Britton, Mich., and Mrs. Ken (Devena) Burkette of Duniden, Fla.; a brother, Leonard, of Terre Haute; two other sisters, Mrs. Harold (Mildred) Noonan of Grand Island, Fla. and Mrs. Nick (Mary Jean) Lapetina, Huntington; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services at 3 p.m. Sunday will be at the Boehmer United Methodist Church. Dr. Loren McCune and Rev. Barry Humble will officiate and burial will follow at the Thompson Home Cemetery near Warren.

Calling will be at the church from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. the day of services and at the Owens Funeral Home, Syracuse, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday. Memorials may be made to Thompson Home Cemetery or to Wawasee Heights Baptist Church.

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Jessica Lynn Caldwell, 17

Jessica Lynn Caldwell, 17, a resident of Pennville died Tuesday, July 4, following a car accident north or Portland. Jessica had just completed her sophomore year at Jay County High School, and was employed at Millers Merry Manor in Dunkirk.

Ms. Caldwell was born on June 25, 1989 in Bluffton, the daughter of Jeff and Gwen (Ryder) Caldwell.

She is survived by her parents, Gwen of Pennville, and Jeff of Redkey, along with her brother Eric Caldwell of Pennville. She is also survived by her grandparents, Greg and Patricia Cook of Portland, and Robert and Dolores Denney of Redkey, and her great-grandmother Jessie Hodge of Portland, along with a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins in Wells County.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. today in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home. Services are at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home; with Pastor Randy Davis officiating.

Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery in Portland. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Correction - Peggy L. Headley, 69

Information provided by the funeral home for the obituary of former Montpelier resident, Peggy L. Headley, 69, was incorrect.

Her mother was Edna (Landon) Reasoner. Headley was also preceded in death by her sister, Shirley Anders, whose name did not appear in Thursday's News-Banner edition.

THE NEWS-BANNER
July 8 2006
Bluffton, Indiana

Frances Louise Zalac, 89

Frances Louise Zalac, 89, died at Christian Care Retirement Community at 9:45 a.m. Friday, July 7, 2006. Death was attributed to natural causes.

Mrs. Zalac was the widow of Dr. Charles H. Zalac, a dentist at Caylor-Nickel Clinic for 31 years. They were married in Indianapolis on Nov. 4, 1938. He preceded her in death June 23, 2000.

Frances Zalac

Mrs. Zalac was born June 10, 1917, in Indianapolis to Ellis B. and Cleo M. Hall. She attended Butler University and was a member of Pi Beta Phi and Psi Iota Xi sororities. A resident of Wells County since 1947, she was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton.

Survivors include a son, Charles Allan Zalac of Bluffton, a daughter, Mrs. Larry (Sharon) Bachelor of Blythewood, S.C.; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. Two sisters, Viola Beeby and Cebie Carroll, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton.

Calling at the funeral home is from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Entombment will take place in the Zalac Family Mausoleum at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Caylor-Nickel Foundation, Christian Care Retirement Community or Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

THE NEWS-BANNER
July 10 2006
Bluffton, Indiana

Naomi L. Kaehr, 88

Naomi L. Kaehr, 88, a Bluffton resident, died at 11:25 a.m. on unday, July 9, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Kaehr was a homemaker and a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Fred "Ted" Kaehr, who she married on Oct. 21, 1945 in Wells County.

Mrs. Kaehr was born in Adams County on March 9, 1918, the daughter of Joel and Ida (Gilliom) Maller.

She is survived by two sons, Lyle Kaehr of Decatur and Myron Kaehr of Bluffton, and three daughters; Mrs. Doyle (Jane) Frauhiger of Bluffton, Mrs. Charles (Marie) Frauhiger of Bluffton, and Mrs. Steve (Irene) Frauhiger of Bluffton, along with 22 grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a brother, Melvin Maller of Bluffton, and two sisters, Mrs. Helen Heyerly of Bluffton, and Mrs. Vera Laukhuf of Latty, Ohio. She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Maller.

Calling is from 6 p.m. until to 8 p.m. today and 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel, and also one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Apostolic Christian Church East, with Rev. Ed Schwartz and Rev. Mark Gerber officiating.

Burial will be in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or the Christian Care Retirement Center.

Edward N. Hoyt, 84

Edward N. Hoyt, 84, of Bluffton died at 2:58 a.m. Sunday, July 9, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Hoyt was retired from the military. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of First Reformed Church of Bluffton.

Born in Marion on Jan. 26, 1922, he was a son of Edward and Myrtle (Shanks) Hoyt. His marriage on Sept. 19, 1942, in Corpus Christi, Texas, was to Eleanor Maxine (Yarber), who survives and resides in Bluffton.

Other survivors include a son, Ronald Hoyt of Johnson City, Tenn.; a sister, Mrs. Willis (Phyllis) Fisher of Marion; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Mike Hoyt on Aug. 13, 1983.

A memorial service is planned at 2 p.m. Tuesday at First Reformed Church of Bluffton with Dr. Gene Bell officiating.

There is no visitation. Goodwin Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Burial will be in Florida at a later date.

Raymond C. Bolinger, 75

An Ossian resident, Raymond C. Bolinger, 75, died at 1:20 p.m. Sunday, July 9, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bolinger was a lifelong farmer in Wells County and owned and operated Lanestar Welding since 1981. He was a Korean War veteran and a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Uniondale.

Born on Jan. 13, 1931, in Fort Wayne, he was a son of Jesse J. and Alice E. (Bosler) Bolinger. His marriage on Aug. 6, 1955, at St. Paul's Church in Uniondale was to Barbara A. Gingerich, who preceded him in death on Aug. 11, 1992. His second marriage was on April 4, 1993, at St. Paul's Church to Joyce Ramseyer, who survives.

Raymond Bolinger

Other survivors include six sons, Gene Bolinger of Uniondale, Dale A. Bolinger, Karl D. Bolinger and Mark A. Bolinger, all of Roanoke, Mick H. Bolinger of Markle and Dann J. Bolinger of Perrinton, Mich.; four daughters, Edith M. Careins of Markle, Nancy P. Fox of Ossian, Lucille D. VanHoozen of South Whitley and Marilyn J. Woodard of Westfield, Ind.; a stepson, Rod Gilgen of Bluffton; three stepdaughters, Laura Pierce of Tennessee, Angela Mangold of Fort Wayne and Ellyn Ramseyer of Fort Wayne; a sister, Evelyn Day of Syracuse; 31 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Peggy I. Bolinger on Aug. 16, 1970.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Rev. Paul R. Hunteman officiating. There is also calling one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Horeb Cemetery, Uniondale.

Preferred memorials are to St. Joseph Hospital Burn Unit.

Roberta M. Oldfield, 85

A resident of Warren, Roberta M. Oldfield, 85, died at 10:45 p.m. on Friday, July 7, 2006 at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

She was formerly of Fort Wayne and Anderson before moving to the United Methodist Memorial Home in 1998. She had worked in Huntington County for many years.

Born in Blackford County on Nov. 10, 1920, she was a daughter of Ray and Alice (Bell) Batten. She was preceded in death on Oct. 6, 2001 by her husband of 54 years, Ora E. Oldfield, who she married on Sept. 18, 1937. She was also preceded in death by her son Danny Lee Oldfield, and by three sisters and six brothers.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Lenna) Wacasey of New Haven, and her son, Tommy Oldfield of Bear Lake. She is also survived by three brothers; James Batten of Albany, Joe Batten of Hartford City, and Henry Batten of Hartford City; five sisters, Thelma Welsh of Warren, Myrtle Rector of Muncie, Betty Cain of Hartford City, Jenice Gregory of Wellston, Mich., and Marsha Bost of Millgrove. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and five great great-grandchildren.

Calling is from 2 p.m. until to 8 p.m. today at the Glancy Funeral Home - H. Brown and Son Chapel in Warren. Services are at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Harriet P. Dustman Harrison, 80

Harriet P. Dustman Harrison, 80, a Berne resident died at Adams Memorial Hospital at 10:27 p.m. on Sunday, July 9, 2006.

Mrs. Harrison was employed at the Berne Locker for more than 20 years. She was married to Hobart Harrison, who survives, on July 17, 2004 in Berne.

She was a member of the St. John United Church of Christ. Mrs. Harrison was born in Adams County on June 8, 1926, the daughter of Alton and Lillian (Moser) Schindler. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Stuart (Karen) Hirschy of Geneva, Mrs. Brad (Jan) Krick of Ossian, Mrs. Sheldon (Carol) Roth of Bluffton, and Mrs. Lynn (Janis) Dustman of Monroe. She is also survived by a step son, Lelend Harrison of Lake Havasu, Ariz., and a sister, Mrs. John (Norma) Poorman of Berne, and eight grandchildren, two step grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Elaine Ruth Dustman, and brothers, Max and Lester Schindler.

Calling is from 3 p.m. until to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, and one hour prior to services on Thursday at the Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne. Services are at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Richard Pulling officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Preferred memorials are to the St. John United Church of Christ, and to the American Diabetes Association.

Ruth L. Macklin, 91

Ruth L. Macklin, 91, a lifelong resident of Decatur died at 7:35 a.m. Monday, July 10, 2006, at the Village of Heritage Nursing Home.

Mrs. Macklin was a homemaker, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Women's Association of the Presbyterian Church, Psi-Iota Xi Sorority, and the Order of the Eastern Star. She was also Miss Adams County in 1936 for the Centennial Celebration. She was born on Jan. 2, 1915 in Decatur to Harve and Margaret (Beam) Elzey. She was married on July 23, 1938 in LaGrange to Richard J. Macklin, Sr., who preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 1993.

She is survived by two sons, Richard J. "Jack" Macklin and Larry D. Macklin, and a daughter Mrs. Ronald (Jayne) Burman, all of Decatur. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, a brother, three sisters and a granddaughter.

Calling is from 1:30 p.m. until to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Zwick and Jahn Funeral home, Decatur, with a memorial service to follow at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, with the Rev. Laura Sherwood officiating. Burial will be private in Decatur Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund.

William E. Eliot, 97

William E. Eliot, 97, a former Warren businessman, died at 3:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 8, 2006, at the Castle Country Care Center, in Price, Utah.

Mr. Eliot had owned and operated the tomato cannery in Warren for many years, and also a drive-in restaurant in Hartford City. He was raised in Huntington County, His family was among the earliest settlers in the area.

He was born on January 10, 1909, the son of Edgar and Nell (Slanker) Eliot. He was a 1927 graduate of West Rock Creek, and attended Kent State University. He was married to Mary (Huffman) Eliot, who preceded him in death in August, 1979.

He is survived by his daughter, Leta Jane Deeb of Kokomo, sons Brian Edwin Eliot of Mt. Etna, and John Boyd Eliot of Price, Utah,10 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother Robert I. Eliot, daughters Thalia Eliot and Lou Ellen Eliot, and a granddaughter, Michelle Eliot.

Calling is from 1 p.m. until to 2 p.m. on Friday at the Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown and Son Chapel in Warren. There will not be a formal service. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Naomi L. Kaehr, 88

Naomi L. Kaehr, 88, a Bluffton resident died at 11:25 p.m. on Sunday, July 9, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Kaehr was a homemaker and a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Fred "Ted" Kaehr, who she married on Oct. 21, 1945 in Wells County.

Kaehr was born in Adams County on March 9, 1918, the daughter of Joel and Ida (Gilliom) Maller, both now deceased.

She is survived by two sons, Lyle Kaehr of Decatur and Myron Kaehr of Bluffton, and three daughters; Mrs. Doyle (Jane) Frauhiger of Bluffton, Mrs. Charles "Chuck" (Marie) Frauhiger of Bluffton, and Mrs. Steve (Irene) Frauhiger of Bluffton, along with 22 grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a brother, Melvin Maller of Bluffton, and two sisters, Mrs. Helen Heyerly of Bluffton, and Mrs. Vera Laukhuf of Latty, Oh. She was preceded in death by her brother Robert Maller.

Calling is from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. today at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel, and also one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Apostolic Christian Church East, with Rev. Ed Schwartz and Rev. Mark Gerber officiating.

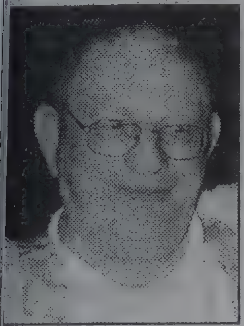
Burial will be in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or the Christian Care Retirement Center.

(The above obituary is being re-published to provide additional information)

William "Ed" Dunnuck, 64

William "Ed" Dunnuck, 64, a Markle resident, died at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at Markle Health Care in Markle.

Mr. Dunnuck worked at Wayne Metal in Markle for 30 years. He was a member of the Union Church of Christ. He was born on June 10, 1942 in Huntington County, the son of Thomas and Mary (Finley) Dunnuck.


Ed Dunnuck

He was married on June 6, 1964 in Markle to Peggy A. Caley, his wife of 42 years, who survives. He is also survived by two sons, Patrick Dunnuck of Poneto, and Terry Dunnuck of Bluffton, along with four grandchildren. He is also survived by four brothers, James G. Dunnuck of Columbia City, Paul Dunnuck of Markle, Roger Dunnuck of Bluffton, and Dennis Dunnuck of Ossian.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Robert.

Calling is from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton. Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home, with Pastor Richard Kees officiating.

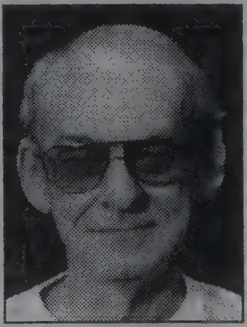
Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery in Ossian. Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, or the Wells County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Kenneth E. Marsh, Jr., 74

Kenneth E. Marsh, Jr., 74, of Warren died at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Mr. Marsh worked at Markle Bank as a courier for one year, and also worked at a dental lab in Noblesville for five years. He was a sales representative for Weber Marketing Systems for 10 years.

Mr. Marsh attended Howe High School in Indianapolis and was a U.S. Navy veteran who served during the Korean Conflict.


Kenneth Marsh

Born May 10, 1932 in Indianapolis, he was the son of Kenneth Marsh Sr. and Lucille (Harless) Marsh.

He is survived by a daughter, Angela Dunn of Warren, and a granddaughter. He is also survived by three sisters, Dawn Waldman of Indianapolis, Judy Givan, of Indianapolis, and Patricia O'Connell of California.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Joan Harless.

Visitation is from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, at the Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown and Son Chapel in Warren. Services are at 4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Doug Givan officiating.

Burial is at Taylor Cemetery in Warren. Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association, Midwest Affiliate, in Chicago, Il.

Richard E. Jones, 79

Richard E. Jones, 79, of Montpelier died at 5:45 a.m. Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Mr. Jones retired from Dana Corp. in Marion as a Tool & Die maker. He had served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Mr. Jones was a 1945 graduate of Montpelier High School, and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Montpelier.

Richard Jones

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Martha Sue (Finley) who he married on October 5, 1952 in Aberdeen, Wash. He was born on May 12, 1927 in Madison County, the son of Orval and Lola (Hook) Jones.

He is also survived by two sons, Jay R. Jones of Suwanee, Ga., and Jesse D. Jones of South Lyon, Mich., and a daughter, Mrs. Tom (Debra) Johnson, of Attica; two sisters, Betty Thompson of Muscatine, Ia., and Madonna Clements of Sarasota, Fla. Mr. Jones is also survived by five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Jones, and a sister, Kathleen Hugill.

Calling is from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel in Montpelier. Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home, with Pastor Darrin Morgan officiating.

Burial will be at Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier. Preferred memorials are to the First Baptist Church of Montpelier.

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Charles J. 'Charlie' Nestleroad, 48

Charles J. "Charlie" Nestleroad, 48, died at 5:10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2006, at his rural Bluffton residence.

Mr. Nestleroad was a 30-year employee of Franklin Electric Co. He was a member of Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene.

Born on May 27, 1958, in Hartford City, he was a son of John E. and Jane A. (Williamson) Nestleroad.

Charlie Nestleroad

Survivors include his son, Michael Nestleroad of Bluffton; two sisters, Mrs. Matt (Mary) Bone and Mrs. Cheryl Powell, both of Montpelier; two brothers, Jeff Friar of Hartford City and Keith Nestleroad of Montpelier; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mrs. Suzanne Harris; and a grandchild.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Wilbur Taylor officiating.

Burial will be in Mossburg Cemetery, rural Liberty Center. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

THE NEWS-BANNER
July 14 2006
Bluffton, Indiana

Harold Kenneth McCune, 93

A former Bluffton resident, Harold Kenneth McCune, 93, died at 4:20 a.m. Thursday, July 13, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. He was a resident of Swiss Village Retirement Community, Berne.

Mr. McCune worked in real estate and auto sales and also was engaged in farming. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Born on June 24, 1913, in Adams County, he was a son of George and Anna (Bixler) McCune.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Lester (Ann) Frauhiger of Bluffton; two sons, Ned McCune of Phoenix, Ariz., and Barry McCune of Van Wert, Ohio; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Alan McCune; three sisters, Minnie Biberstine, Louella Walche and Dessie Liechty; two brothers, Ted McCune and Dale McCune; and a grandchild.

Calling is from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Swiss Village Retirement Community.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at Swiss Village with Rev. Keith Rupp officiating. Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery, Berne.

Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or Gideon's International. Goodwin Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

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Betty F. Yates, 82

Betty F. Yates, 82, of Hartford City died on Friday, July 14, 2006 at Americare Living Center in Hartford City. Mrs. Yates had retired from 3M (Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing) in Hartford City after 35 years of service. She was an avid collector of Porcelain dolls. Mrs. Yates was a former resident of Roll, In., for many years before moving to Montpelier in 1997 and then to Americare Living Center in Hartford City. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Montpelier.

Betty Yates

She was born in Hartford City on April 1, 1924, the daughter of James and Frances (McNichols) Beeson, both now deceased. She was a 1942 graduate of Hartford City High School, and was married to Alex Yates on November 23, 1941. Mr. Yates preceded her in death on November 25, 1996.

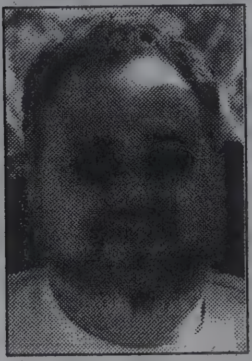
She is survived by her daughter Mrs. Michael (Patsy) Anderson of Montpelier, her son James Yates of Morristown, In., and her son-in-law Joe Underwood of Huntington. She is also survived by her brother Jim Beeson of Greenwood, and 8 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren.

Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Glancy Funeral Home - Walker Chapel. Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Darrin Morgan officiating.

Burial will be in Hartford City Cemetery.

Christopher Lee "Toaster" Barrientos, 37

Christopher Lee "Toaster" Barrientos, 37, the brother of a Bluffton resident, died Thursday, July 13, 2006 at his home in Ft. Wayne.


Christopher Barrientos

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Barrientos was a CAD designer. He enjoyed a life of music, family and friends. He was an avid drummer, and played in several local bands over the years.

He is survived by his brothers, Michael and Marc both of Carmel; and Ryan of Bluffton, and his sisters, Mrs. Bruce (Robin) Jump and Mrs. Greg (Melissa) Wiehe both of Grabill. He is also survived and 11 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Serbando and Fernetta Barrientos.

Visiting is from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m., Monday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana Hwy. 930 E., New Haven with a Vigil service set at 8:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled for 11 a.m., Tuesday, at Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 St. Joe Rd. in Fort Wayne with calling 1/2 hour before services at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Matthew 25 Health and Dental Clinic or to the National Alliance for Mental Illness.

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Bluffton, Indiana

Mabeline E. Moser, 79

Mabeline E. Moser, 79, a Bluffton resident died at 10:33 a.m. on Sunday, July 16, 2006 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Moser was a homemaker and a member of the Hope Missionary Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Eugene C. Moser on October 14, 1999. They were married in Linn Grove, Ind. on July 22, 1944.

Mabelline Moser

Mrs. Moser was born in Adams County on Jan. 27, 1927, the daughter of Fred and Mary (Lash) Smith.

She is survived by her son Gerald E. Moser of Kokomo, her brother Gerald Verlin Smith of Monroeville, her half-brothers Tom Smith of Michigan Town, Ind., and Bill Simon of Berne, and her half-sister Mrs. Robert (Judy) Evans of Forrest, Ind., along with two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Eugene, her daughter Judy E. Moser, and her son Thomas W. Moser.

Calling is from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton, and one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Hope Missionary Church, with Rev. Gary Aupperle, Sr. officiating. Burial will be in the Elm Grove Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Hope Missionary Church.

Charles M. Crupe, 70

Ossian resident Charles M. Crupe, 70, died on Saturday, July 15, 2006, at Ossian Health Care. He was employed as a roofer and previously worked at Knight Leather. Mr. Crupe was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

He was born on Oct. 18, 1935 in Wheeling, West Virginia. He was preceded in death in by his wife Madelyn Crupe in 2002.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Scott (Delores) Bryant, of Murray; a son, Nelson Hennen of Fort Wayne; sisters, Sylvia Jean Crupe of Fort Wayne, Charlotte "Chat" Richardville of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Michael (Ila) Tata of Fort Wayne; Mrs. Bob (Marty) Wilson of Fort Wayne and Shirley Stanley of Fort Wayne; brothers, Jim Crupe, Sonny Crupe and Dave Crupe, all of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

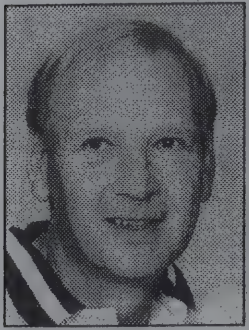
He was preceded in death by his wife, Madelyn, and two brothers Tommy Crupe and Ron Crupe.

Services are at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, 120 W. Mill St., Ossian, with calling two hours prior to the service. Burial will be in West Virginia.

THE NEWS-BANNER
July 18 2006 Bluffton, Indiana

Jeff L. Langley, 59

A Bluffton native, Jeff L. Langley, 59, of Leesburg, Ind., died at 1:25 p.m. Saturday, July 15, 2006, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.


Jeff Langley

Mr. Langley was an engineer with B.A.E. (formerly G.E.) in Fort Wayne for 38 years. He received his associate's degree in electrical engineering from SAMS Technical Institute.

A member of the American Legion, he was a U.S. Air Force veteran with service in Vietnam.

Born in Bluffton on July 20, 1946, he was a son of Zelma (Harness) Langley. His marriage on March 6, 1970, was to Marilyn Hoag, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Lisa Langley of North Webster; a son, Major Tod Langley of Lake Orion, Mich.; his mother, Zelma Langley of Bluffton; two brothers, Ron Langley of Bluffton and Mike Langley of Liberty Center; and three grandchildren.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Military graveside services will be held. Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Ruth A. Sullens, 80

Ruth A. Sullens, 80, of Zanesville died at 12:40 p.m. Monday, July 17, 2006, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sullens was a homemaker and attended Zanesville United Brethren Church. She was a 1944 graduate of East Union High School in Wells County.

Born on Feb. 11, 1926, in Fort Wayne, she was a daughter of Charles "Newt" and Louise (Short) Middleton. Her marriage on July 29, 1950, in Yuma, Ariz., was to Calvin K. Sullens, who preceded her in death on July 27, 2005.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Norm (Donna) Reidt of Bluffton, Mrs. James (Karen) Schmalzried of Bippus and Mrs. Kevin (Jan) Smith of Zanesville; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. A brother, Floyd Middleton, preceded her in death.

Ruth Sullens

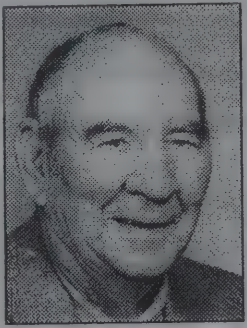
Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday with one hour of visitation prior to services at Zanesville United Brethren Church with Rev. Tom Datema officiating.

Burial will be in Hoverstock Cemetery, Zanesville. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice.

Delmar G. Siela, 86

A former co-owner of Fox Construction Company, Delmar G. Siela, 86, of 1151 E. Market St. in Murray, died at 5:15 a.m. Saturday, July 22, 2006, of natural causes at his daughter's home following a six-month illness.


Delmar Siela

Mr. Siela had lived in Wells County since 1935 and graduated from Rockcreek High School in 1937. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1942 to 1946. He served in both Germany and France and during The Battle of the Bulge. He was employed for 50-plus years at Fox Construction Company, where he was a co-owner and supervisor.

He was a member of American Legion Post #111, the Wells County Coon Hunters Club and a 50-plus year member of the 103 Operating Engineers Union. He attended Murray Missionary Church.

Born Sept. 8, 1919, in Elliott, Ill., to Leo and Emma Nelson Siela, his marriage in Knoxville, Tenn., on March 23, 1946, was to Marie Johnson, who survives.

Additional survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Larry (Kathy) Peeper and Donna Green, both of Bluffton; four brothers, Gerald Siela of Ossian, John Siela of Markle, Dwight Siela of Fort Wayne, and Robert Siela of Fort Wayne; one sister, Beverly Boots of Bluffton; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

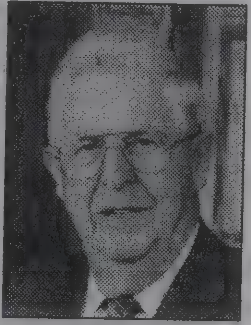
He was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Murray Missionary Church in Murray with pastor Mike Gilbert officiating. Calling hours will be one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church and from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Burial will be at Markle Cemetery in Markle. Military honors will be performed at the cemetery by American Legion Post #111.

Preferred memorials to Murray Missionary Church or Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Dwight W. Gilbert, 85

Dwight W. Gilbert, 85, of Bluffton died at 8:18 a.m. on Sunday, July 23, 2006 at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Mr. Gilbert had been in failing health for the past year.


Dwight Gilbert

Mr. Gilbert was a self-employed mechanic for 43 years. He retired in 1984. Mr. Gilbert was the owner-operator of Gilbert's Garage, and had been the service manager at Joe Moore Chevrolet, and a service technician at International Harvester in Decatur. He was a former member of the Wells County Council.

Mr. Gilbert was a member and past deacon of the First Reformed Church in Bluffton. He was also an avid fisherman, hunter, and woodworker. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Wilma Jean (Risser). They were married on Jan. 11, 1942 in Petroleum.

He was born on Feb. 18, 1921 in Wells County, the son of Charles M. and Sarah (Schwartz) Gilbert. He is also survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ted (Melanie) Shady of Bluffton, and Mrs. Daniel (Debbie) Church of Liberty, Mo., and by four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his sister Dortha Evans of Saginaw, Mich. He was preceded in death by a grandson Michael Dee Shady, a brother Daniel Gilbert and a sister Marguerite Augsburger.

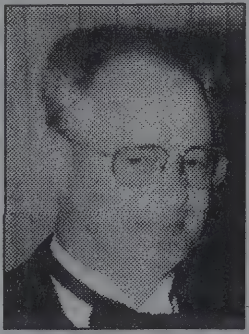
Calling is from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, with Dr. Gene Bell officiating.

Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the First Reformed Church of Bluffton.

Kenneth L. Freck, 62

A rural Warren resident, Kenneth Freck, 62, died at 2:18 p.m. Friday, July 21, 2006, in Fort Wayne from injuries sustained in a semi/dump truck accident at Smith and Lower Huntington Roads.

Mr. Freck worked for Bailey Trucking in Fort Wayne and also drove a semi for Salamonie Mills. Additionally, he was a lifelong farmer and also was an IHSAA basketball referee for several years.


Kenneth Freck

A U.S. Army veteran with service during Vietnam, he was a member of Fort Wayne American Legion Post #0082. He was a longtime supporter of Huntington County 4-H.

Born on Feb. 12, 1944, in Huntington County, he was a son of Jay and Lenora Ann Freck, and graduated in 1962 from Jefferson Twp. High School.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Jason (Julie K.) King of Warren and Mrs. Mike (Lynne) Huffman of Liberty Center; a brother, Jesse W. Freck of Shreveport, La.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lenora Ann Freck, who died June 23, 2000.

Calling is from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Charles Dye Jr. officiating.

Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington. Preferred memorials are to Huntington County 4-H.

John H. Garrison, 55

A brother of Julie Schoeff of Markle, John H. Garrison, 55, of Huntington died at 8:22 a.m. Sunday, July 23, 2006, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Garrison worked for many years at ITT in Fort Wayne as a materials procurement specialist. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War in Cambodia.

John Garrison

Born on Oct. 21, 1950, in Huntington, he was a son of Charles L. and Patricia A. (Heater) Garrison, and he was a 1968 graduate of Huntington North High School. He was a member of Andrews United Methodist Church.

Survivors, in addition to the sister in Markle, include his parents, Charles and Patricia Garrison of Huntington; a stepdaughter, Gina Nichols of Pasedena, Texas; another sister, Melanie Martin of Austin, Texas; two brothers, Charles W. Garrison of Huntington and Mitchell E. Garrison of Warsaw; and a stepgranddaughter.

There is no visitation or funeral service. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, is in charge of the arrangements. Preferred memorials are to Andrews United Methodist Church.

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July 25 2006 Bluffton, Indiana

Donald W. Gallmeyer, 63

Donald W. Gallmeyer, 63, of Fort Wayne died on Sunday, July 23, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Gallmeyer was a former tool maker at Hower Tool Inc., retiring in 2005. He was a member of the Poe Volunteer Fire Department, and a member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church Council.

Donald Gallmeyer

He was born on May 27, 1943 in Decatur to Ervin and Esther (Kiefer) Gallmeyer. He was a Vietnam era Army veteran, and enjoyed farming and fishing.

He is survived by his wife Elaine, and his son Andrew Gallmeyer of Fort Wayne. He is also survived by his brothers David Gallmeyer of England, Loren Gallmeyer of Ossian, and Leonard Gallmeyer of Zanesville.

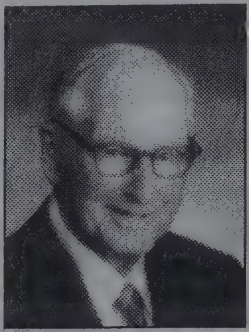
Calling is from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian, and one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday. Services are at 2 p.m. on Thursday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne with Pastor Rodney Willeke officiating.

Burial will be at St. Mark's Lutheran Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to any St. Mark's Lutheran Church Organization or the donor's choice.

James R. Graham, 82

A rural Bluffton resident, James R. Graham, 82, died at 5:55 p.m. Monday, July 24, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. He was in failing health the past month.

Mr. Graham was a farmer and also worked in production at Corning Glass for 25 years, retiring in 1989.


James Graham

A U.S. Marine Corps veteran with service during World War II, he was a member of American Legion Post #111. He attended First Presbyterian Church and was a member of Indiana Chapter #7 and Northern Indiana Chapter #33 of the International Harvester Collector Groups.

Born on Feb. 11, 1924, in Bluffton, he was a son of Ruby (Babcock) and Robert Graham Jr. and graduated from Rockcreek High School. His marriage in Bluffton on Oct. 3, 1948, was to the former Carolyn Goldsberry, who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Linda Sue Kunkel of Markle and Mrs. Lon (Peggy) Capps of Fort Wayne; three sons, Michael Graham, Patrick Graham and Robert Graham, all of Bluffton; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Plummer Romine.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Robert Madsen officiating.

Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery, with military graveside honors conducted by American Legion Post #111. Preferred memorials are to First Presbyterian Church.

Domingo Jasso, 103

A long time migrant farm worker in Wells County, Domingo Jasso, 103, died at 11 a.m. Monday, July 24 in Waco, Texas.

Domingo Jasso

Mr. Jasso worked for many years for the late Obed Gerber. He then went to work for Bill Ringger, picking tomatoes for more than 22 years.

Mr. Jasso, the father of 16 children, also worked for other farmers in Adams and Wells Counties doing work hoeing weeds out of bean fields.

A special observance of his 100th birthday was held on Saturday, May 17, 2003 in Waco with a Mass of Thanksgiving at Sacred Heart Catholic Church followed by a reception at the Waco Convention Center.

THE NEWS-BANNER
July 27 2006 Bluffton, Indiana

Joseph A. "Joe" Mazakes, 19

Joseph A. "Joe" Mazakes, 19, of Warren died at 4:15 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26, 2006 at his home. He had attended Huntington North High School. He attended the Markle United Methodist Church.

Joe Mazakes

He was born on Sept. 29, 1986 in Fort Wayne, the son of Ahmad and Michelle (Eliot) Mazakes.

He is survived by his maternal grandparents, Brian E. and Cindy A. Eliot of Warren; four aunts, and a half-sister, Katrina A. Chamberlain of Hot Springs, Ark., and by his father Ahmad J. Mazakes.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Myers Funeral Home Chapel in Markle, and one hour before services at the church.

Services are at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Markle United Methodist Church with Pastor Kathie S. Jones and Pastor Kaye Patton officiating.

Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington. Preferred memorials are to Parkview Home Healthcare and Hospice, or to the family.

THE NEWS-BANNER
July 28 2006 Bluffton, Indiana

George A. Shrock, 76

Funeral services were Tuesday for George A. Shrock, 76, of Hartford City who died Friday, July 21, 2006, at Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie. The family has relatives in Wells County.

Mr. Shrock retired from Warner-Gear in Muncie in 1991 after 41 years of service. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, and was a member of the Methodist Church and the Friends of Five Point School.

Born on Jan. 27, 1930, in Hartford City, he was a son of Brooks Arlando Shrock and Regina A. (Hankins) Shrock. His marriage on Nov. 20, 1954, at Grace United Methodist Church in Hartford City was to June A. (McIntire) Shrock, who survives.

Other survivors include a son, Rick A. Shrock of Hartford City; three daughters, Mrs. Bruce (Debra A.) Althouse, Joni A. Shrock and Jeni A. Shrock, all of Hartford City; a brother, Donald B. Shrock of Greenwood; a sister, Madonna Schuller of Hartford City; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Shrock.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City, with Rev. Gary Hall officiating. Interment of the cremains will be at Hartford City Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Friends of Five Point School, in care of Carol Osborn, 10221 Jeff Road, Montpelier, IN 47359.

Don E. Randall, 69

Don E. Randall, 69, of Bluffton died Friday, July 28, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne after a three-month illness.

He was a long haul truck driver for most of his working life and for the past five years he was the owner of Randall Trucking Co. He was formerly employed as a boom operator and Caterpillar driver for the M.L. Hulcher Co. in Indiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Randall served overseas in Korea and Germany, and retired as a Sergeant First Class from the Indiana Army National Guard in 1997. He attended Crossroads Fellowship Church in Ossian.

Don Randall

He was born in Murfreesboro, Arkansas, on May 2, 1937 to Xanthus and Jewell Randall.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Letha Randall; a son Michael Randall of Bluffton; two daughters, Mrs. Victor (Jewell) Bennett of Ossian, and Mrs. James (Marianne) Barnes of Bluffton; and a brother, Dewey Randall of Bluffton. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother Richard Baber.

Calling will be at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt, and Chaney Funeral Home from 2 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday. Services will be held at the funeral home at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, with Brother David Henry of Crossroads Fellowship officiating. Military honors conducted by American Legion Post 111 and burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the family.

Michael C. Redding, 58

Michael C. Redding, 58, of Bluffton died on Sunday, July 30, 2006, at his residence.

Mr. Redding was a 1966 graduate of Lancaster High School, and graduated from Ball State University in 1971 with a degree in Marketing. He was previously employed at Elkhart Production in Geneva. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

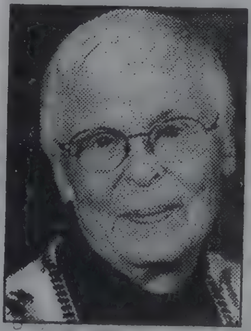
Born on Nov. 3, 1947 in Wells County, he was the son of Claire E. and Dixie A. (Raber) Redding. He is survived by his sons Michael C. Redding, Jr. of Livonia, Mich., and Matthew C. Redding of Gilbert, Ariz., along with three grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Scott Redding of Whitmore Lake, Mich.

There will be no calling or services. Cremation will take place. Arrangements are by Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Marcella L. 'Sally' Cook, 83

Marcella L. "Sally" Cook, 83, of rural Decatur died Friday, July 28, 2006, at Swiss Village Retirement Community, Berne.

Mrs. Cook worked as a hostess for 17 years at Richard's Restaurant in Decatur. She attended Monroe United Methodist Church.


Sally Cook

Survivors include a daughter, a son, eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald F. Cook; twin sons, Terry and Larry Cook; a brother; and two sisters.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur. Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Rev. Jerry Mitchel officiating.

Morris D. Brodbeck, 77

Morris D. Brodbeck, 77, of Decatur died at 7 a.m. Friday, July 28, 2006, at Adams Memorial Hospital, Decatur.

Mr. Brodbeck retired in 1976 from International Harvester after 30 years of service.

Survivors include a daughter, three sons, two brothers and six grandchildren. The family also has relatives in the Wells County area. He was preceded in death by his wife, a daughter, a son and a grandson.

Visitation is from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday in the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Fort Wayne. Memorial services will follow at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Kingdom Hall with Elder Mark Schabow officiating. Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, is in charge of the arrangements.

Morris Brodbeck

Patricia "Joy" Beer, 49

Patricia "Joy" Beer, 49, of Bluffton died at 8:56 a.m. on Monday, July 31, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following a long illness.

Joy had worked as an X-ray technician at Wells Community Hospital for several years, and also at Bluffton Regional Medical Center prior to having health problems. She was a 1975 graduate of Southern Wells High School.

A lifelong resident of Wells County, she was born on November 9, 1956 in Wells County. Joy was the daughter of Verlice "Spud" Crosby and Catherine Starr (Minnich) Crosby. She is survived by her mother who resides in Poneto. Her father preceded her in death on May 7, 1997.

She is also survived by her longtime companion Gary Beer; her daughter, Mrs. Toby (Sarah) Shaw of Bluffton, and her son Travis Liddy of Ossian. She is also survived by her brother Dick Crosby of Poneto, and her sister, Mrs. John (Marilyn) Maddox of Keystone, along with her two grandchildren.

Patricia "Joy" Beer

She was preceded in death by her father, and her grandparents, Charlie and Ferne (Walker) Crosby, and John and Margaret (Starr) Minnich.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Services are at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Marlene Ellis officiating.

Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Chester Township.

Preferred memorials are to the family and can be made through the funeral home.

Marie L. Gerber, 88

A former Craigville resident, Marie L. Gerber, 88, died at 7:30 a.m. Monday, July 31, 2006, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Mrs. Gerber was the co-owner with her husband of Gerber's Store in Monroe. She also worked at Gerber Brothers and at Bachman Pretzel. She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church.

Born on Jan. 13, 1918, in Adams County, she was a daughter of Joel and Lena (Heyerly) Kipfer. Her marriage on Sept. 15, 1940, in Wells County was to Clifford W. Gerber, who preceded her in death on Aug. 20, 1974.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. David (Becky) Booker of Geneva; two sons, Clifford A. Gerber of Hudson and Tom J. Gerber of Richmond; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Aldine Reimschisel; and two grandsons.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at the Bluffton North Apostolic Christian Church with ministers of the church officiating. There is also visitation one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Burial will be in Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Christian Care Retirement Community.

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Richard O. Somers, 76

A brother of James Somers of Bluffton, Richard O. Somers, 76, of Logansport died at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 30, 2006, at Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Somers owned and operated Youngs Appliances in downtown Logansport. A member of All Saints Catholic Church, he also was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Council #561, Knights of Columbus, where he was a past grand knight and former district deputy. He was also a member of the Pulaski Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

Richard Somers

Born on April 2, 1930, in Dayton, Ohio, he was a son of Darrell and Naomi (DeBolt) Somers. His marriage on Sept. 16, 1950, in Logansport was to Mary K. Russell, who survives.

Other survivors, in addition to the brother in Bluffton, include a daughter, Mrs. David (Judith) Williamson of Panama City, Fla.; four sons, Harold Somers of Rossville, Richard Somers of Logansport, David Somers of Stone Lake, Wis., and William Somers of Logansport; three other brothers, Donald Somers of Hartford City, Robert Somers of Springfield, Ohio, and David Somers of Richmond, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Joe (Rita) Stark of Rolling Meadows, Ill., and Mrs. David (Jacquelyn) Craven of Downers Grove, Ill.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. today at All Saints Catholic Church with Father Michael McKinney officiating.

Interment will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Gibault Foundation or All Saints Catholic Church, Logansport. Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport, is in charge of the arrangements.

David O. Noll, 75

A memorial service for David O. Noll, 75, will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Bridge Church, Decatur. Mr. Noll was a former Linn Grove-area resident for 47 years. He died June 30, 2006, in N. Fort Myers, Fla. Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Joseph Ray 'Joe' Mast, 47

A rural Geneva resident, Joseph Ray "Joe" Mast, 47, died at 12 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2006, at Chalet Village Health Care Center, Berne.

Mr. Mast had retired in 1992 from Elkhart Products in Geneva after several years of employment. He was a 1976 graduate of Adams Central High School and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his parents, Ervin R. and Lois M. (LeGrand) Mast of Geneva; and a sister, Sandi Burns of Elkhart.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva, with Rev. James Bontrager officiating. Calling is from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday and from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in West Lawn Cemetery, Geneva, at a later date.

Mary Christine Jones, 85

A Warren resident, Mary Christine (Marytine) Jones, 85, died at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Jones was a captain in the Salvation Army for 23 years, serving in the South Regional Conference. She has lived in the Warren community since 1966.

Born on June 18, 1921, in Sebring, Fla., she was a daughter of James and Llewella Mae (Johnston) Halliday. Her marriage on March 3, 1948, in Miami, was to Paul R. Jones, who preceded her in death on Jan. 10, 1989.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Charles Randolph (Cynthia) Witkamp and Mrs. Gregory (Eva) Witkamp, both of Warren; a son, William Jones of Crosby, Texas; a sister, Mrs. George (Eva) Babcock of Orlando, Fla.; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, James Robert Jones and Charles Franklin Jones; a brother, James Hurst Halliday; and a sister, Llewella Mae Langley.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren. Services are at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Gerald Moreland officiating.

Burial will be in Jones Cemetery, Warren. Preferred memorials in lieu of flowers are to The Salvation Army.

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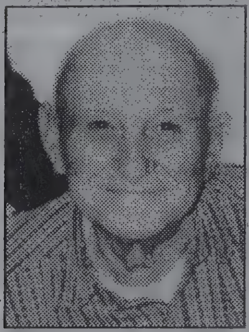
Max M. Steffen, 77

Max M. Steffen, 77, of Bluffton died at 10:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Steffen retired from the Indiana State Highway Department with 15 years of service. He had previously worked at a John Deere Implements dealer, Steffen Hardware, and also at the Dan/Sherman/Max Steffen Studebaker dealership. Mr. Steffen had a lifelong passion for antique cars.



Max Steffen

He was a member of the Bluffton North Apostolic Christian Church. He was born on Nov. 2, 1928 in Bluffton, the son of Daniel and Priscilla (Baumgartner) Steffen.

He was married in Bluffton on Sept. 5, 1948 to Eunice Kipfer, who survives. He is also survived by his two sons; Alan Steffen of Richmond, and Daniel Steffen, of Sunman, and a daughter, Mrs. Mike (Kay) Craighead of Murray, along with five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter Kathleen Jo Crum, his sister Bernadine Nahrwold, and his brother, Sherman Steffen.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. today, and from noon until 8 p.m. on Friday at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

Services are at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Bluffton North Apostolic Christian Church, with Phil Stettner and Nile Bucher officiating. Burial will be at Apostolic Christian Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Christian Care Retirement Community.

Daniel C. Lantz, 93

Daniel C. Lantz, 93, of Bluffton died at 1:35 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Mr. Lantz was a lifelong farmer. He was a member of Apostolic Christian Church East.

Born on June 13, 1913, in Fort Wayne, he was a son of Gideon and Elizabeth (Reinhard) Lantz. His marriage in Bluffton on Sept. 3, 1938, was to Gladys Bertsch, who survives.

Daniel C. Lantz

Other survivors include two daughters, Mary Lantz and Mrs. Ted (Rose) Pfister, both of Bluffton; four sons, John Lantz, Daniel "Junior" Lantz, and Steve Lantz, all of Bluffton, and James Lantz of Decatur; 11 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Apostolic Christian Church East with ministers of the church officiating.

Calling is from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Burial will be in Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Christian Care Retirement Community.

Jesse B. Combs, 63

An employee of Same Day Trucking in Bluffton, Jesse B. Combs, 63, of Decatur died unexpectedly at 8:56 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2006, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient since Saturday.

Jesse Combs

Mr. Combs retired from General Electric after 25 years of service. He also had been employed by Don Ray Trucking in Decatur for 15 years. He was a member of Mt. Zion United Brethren Church, Bobo.

Born on Nov. 15, 1942, in East Bernstadt, Ky., he was a son of Ballard and Fannie E. (Hodge) Combs. His marriage on Nov. 23, 1974, was to Cheryl A. Weterick, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Ed Combs and Kurt D. Combs, both of Decatur; a brother, Pearl Combs of Richmond; six sisters, Ruth Peters of London, Ky., Mrs. Dick (Ruby) Ogg, Ida Lou Danels and Juanita Campos, all of Decatur, Dorothy Wolfe of Pleasant Mills and Marie Hutzell, all of Richmond; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Delmer Combs; two sisters, Suda and Zola Combs; two brothers, Harve Combs and Johnnie Combs; and a grandson.

Services are at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, with Rev. Richard Sprunger and Rev. John Follett officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

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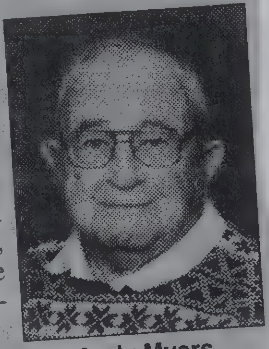
Roland "Andy" Myers, 84

A lifelong farmer in Adams County and a former employee at General Electric in Fort Wayne, Roland "Andy" Myers, 84, of Monroe died Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006 at Ossian Health & Rehab Center.

Mr. Myers retired from General Electric in 1982 after 36½ years of service. He attended Bryant High School and the Monroe United Methodist Church.


Andy Myers

Born Aug. 16, 1921 in Jay County to James Otis and Rachel Ann Perry Myers, his marriage on Jan. 23, 1943 in Jay County was to Helen P. Nevil, who survives.

Other survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Roger (Ruth) Kraner of Fort Wayne; two sons, Donald W. Myers of Berne and James A. Myers of Monroe, and a sister, Daisy Rauch of Berne. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Garth L., James H.W., and Wayne; a sister, Vivian Thorton and two half-sisters, Phyllis Denny and Lindal Velez

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva with Rev. Tim Powers officiating and burial in the Riverside Cemetery. Calling at the funeral home will be Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. Preferred memorials are to the Monroe United Methodist Church.

Wealthia M. (Peggy) Koenig, 92

Wealthia M. (Peggy) Koenig, 92, of New Castle died Friday, Aug. 4, 2006.

Born on Dec. 13, 1913 to Celestial and Reed Caston, she was a homemaker all of her life and a longtime member of the First United Methdist Church, Methmates class, AARP and the Arenda Home Economics Club.

Peggy Koenig

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Jim (Bonnie) Franks, a sister, Mary Heckber of Ossian, a sister-in-law, Bernice Caston of Ossian, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Milton P. Koenig, and two brothers, William and Harvey Caston.

Fuuneral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian with calling two hours before the funeral. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery at Ossian.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church in New Castle or to the donor's choice.

Lovina C. Neuenschwander, 87

Lovina C. Neuenschwander, 87, died at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, 2006, at her rural Bryant residence.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Dan N. (Leah) Schwartz of Geneva and Mrs. Jake E.P. (Lydia) Schwartz of Bryant; three sons, Chris J. Neuenschwander of Pennville, Peter L. Neuenschwander of Geneva and John J. Neuenschwander of Burr Oak, Mich.; a sister, Mrs. Maggie Graber of Geneva; 40 grandchildren; 199 great-grandchildren; and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jonas C. Neuenschwander; a son, David Neuenschwander; seven sisters; six brothers; and a great-great-grandson.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at the home of Jake E.P. Schwartz, 151E - 650N, Bryant. The funeral will be at 9 a.m. Monday, also at the Schwartz home, with Bishop Chris A.C. Schwartz and Bishop David N. Wengerd officiating. She was Old Order Amish.

Burial will be in Bunker Hill Cemetery in Adams County.

Norma Lea Jackson, 80

Norma Lea Jackson, 80, a former Bluffton resident, died on Sunday, August 6, 2006 at Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Temple, Tex.

Mrs. Jackson was born in Flat Rock, Il. on Aug. 17, 1925, he daughter of Willard R. Wampler, Sr. and Gretna Pennington Vampler. She graduated from nursing training at Vincennes ndiana Hospital and became a registered nurse in 1946. She was narried in Temple on Jan. 23, 1947 to Dr. Charles E. (Gene) ackson during his internship at Scott & White. The couple then noved to the Washington, D.C. area where he was stationed at Valter Reed General Hospital. They moved to New Orleans, and ater to Bluffton where they lived for 19 years. Subsequently the acksons moved to Grosse Point, Mich., then back to Temple in 001.

Mrs. Jackson was a life-long member of the Methodist Church. he is survived by her husband of more then 59 years, as well as y her son Dr. Jeffrey A. Jackson of Fishers, Ind., and a daughter, Irs. Charlie (Penny) Stover of Georgetown, Tex.; her brother Villard R. Wampler, Jr. of San Diego, Calif., along with three randchildren and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Jan, in May 006.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested memorial gifts be nt to the Temple First United Methodist Church, 118 North 2nd ., Temple, TX 76501

Stanley G. Clements, 81

A former Bluffton resident, Stanley G. Clements, 81, of eentown died at 8:25 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2006 at Manor re Health Systems in Kokomo.

Mr. Clements had lived in Bluffton for about ten years before ving in 2003. He worked in Naval Avionics in Indianapolis for years, and worked as a chief maintenance engineer at Grissom r Force Base for 21 years. He was a Third Class Signalman the Navy from July 1943 until December 1945. He was a mber of Bluffton Masonic Lodge 145 F & A.M., and Fort yne Scottish Rite.

He was born on Oct. 24, 1924 in Indianapolis to Perry and ry Ruth (Moorhouse) Clements. He was married on July 8, 2 to Wilma J. (Hine) Clements, who preceded him in death March 22, 2004.

He is survived by three sons, Stanley G. Clements, Jr., of enwood, S.C., Phillip L. Clements of Everett, Wash., and mas J. Clements of San Diego, Calif., along with one daugh- Mrs. Kevin (Michelle) C. Howell, of Greentown. He is also vived by nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Lutheran Church he Redeemer in Greentown, with Pastor William Allison offi- ing. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Greentown. itary rites will be conducted at the cemetery by American ion Post 317. Calling will be from 9 a.m. Saturday until ser- time at the church. Preferred memorials are to the Lutheran rch of the Redeemer.

June I. Stuff, 85

June I. Stuff, 85, a lifelong Bluffton resident died at home with her family at 4:45 a.m. on Monday, August 7, 2006.

Born on June 30, 1921 in Wells County to Ralph W. and Cora B. (Frauhiger) Haifley, she was the youngest of four children. She was married to John E. Stuff, Jr. on April 13, 1941 in Bluffton.

June Stuff

She graduated from Lancaster High School in 1939, and helped to build the family business, Bluffton Custom Cannery, before during and after World War II. Mrs. Stuff also worked at the Fort Wayne General Electric Supercharger Plant building motors for U.S. fighter aircraft.

In 1957 she completed her beautician's training at Wayne Beauty School. Mrs. Stuff operated a beauty shop in her home for more than 40 years. She was a member of the Elks Ladies Auxiliary, of American Legion Post #111 Auxiliary, and a member of Calvary Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her sons Kenneth K. Stuff of Elkhart and Bradley K. Stuff of Bluffton, along with her sister Irene Cinninger of Bluffton, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, John E. Stuff, Jr. on June 1, 2000, and by her sister Justine "Pfiefer" Smuts and her brother William Haifley.

Services are set for noon on Thursday at Calvary Lutheran Church with Pastor Scott Meier officiating. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m. until noon on Thursday at the church. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or to Calvary Lutheran Church.

Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Wealthia M. (Peggy) Koenig, 92

Funeral services will be held Tuesday for Wealthia M. (Peggy) Koenig, 92, of New Castle died Friday, Aug. 4, 2006.

Services are slated at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian with calling two hours before the funeral. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery at Ossian.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church in New Castle or to the donor's choice.

An earlier account gave an incorrect date for Mrs. Koenig's funeral.

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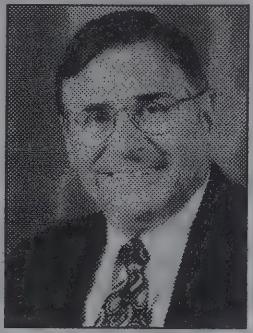
Rev. Walter Graeflin, 78

A well-known minister in this area for many years, Rev. Walter Graeflin, 78, of Bluffton, died at 4:39 a.m. today, Aug. 8, 2006, at his residence surrounded by his family.

Born April 11, 1928, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Walter and Martha Wohlschlegel Graeflin, he married the former Iris C. "Idie" Kline in Boston, Mass., April 25, 1951. She preceded him in death Jan. 18, 1993.


Rev. Graeflin

A 1946 graduate of Wellington High School in Wellington, Ohio, he completed his undergraduate studies at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass. He obtained his Master of Divinity from Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., and began his ministry as the senior pastor of a Nazarene church in Anderson. After three years in Anderson, he came to Bluffton in 1957 and served as the senior pastor at the First Church of the Nazarene for 25 years.

Following his service in Bluffton, he served for 13 years in Seymour at Peter's Switch Church of the Nazarene. After serving for six months as interim pastor at Fort Wayne New Vision Church of the Nazarene, he continued in the position as associate pastor at the church for three years.

For the past five years he has served as the Associate Pastor of Visitation at the Bluffton First Church of the Nazarene.

Rev. Graeflin was well known for his dedication to visiting those who are sick and unable to come to church, making thousands of visits yearly. He had been associated with the Bluffton community for 48 years.

He was also well known for his character, "Drake Duck," an imitation of the Walt Disney character, Donald Duck.

Additional survivors include his son, Ron Graeflin, of Flushing, Mich., daughter Arlette Graeflin of Ossian and two grandchildren.

Services at 11:30 a.m. Saturday will be held at the First Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Larry Sheets officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Calling at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and an hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

A fellowship dinner is scheduled for Saturday after services at the church.

Memorials may be made to any church that the visitor attends or to the Church of the Nazarene International Missions.

Lora Grace and Claire Faith Kokoska

Infant twin daughters of David and Kristy Kokoska of Fishers, Lora Grace and Claire Faith Kokoska died shortly after birth Friday afternoon, Aug. 4, 2006, at Clarion North Medical Center in Carmel.

Additional survivors include maternal grandparents Tom and Pam Will of Huntington; maternal great-grandmother Neva Joy of Huntington, paternal grandparents Pat and Jean Kokoska of Rockville; and paternal great-grandparents Clara Kokoska of Brockway, Pa., and Betty Hainley of Baltimore, Md.

Private graveside services will be at Sparks Cemetery on 600W south of Markle.

Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel is in charge of graveside services.

Paul M. Howey, Infant

Paul M. Howey, age three weeks, of Silver Spring, Md. died at 7:55 a.m. on Saturday, August 5, 2006 at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Born on July 12, 2006, he was the son of Paul and Lisa (Shewalter) Howey of Silver Spring, Md. He is survived by his parents; his maternal grandparents Mike and Linda Shewalter of Bluffton; his paternal grandparents Tom and Kathleen Yoakum of Bexley, Ohio, and Paul and Trish Howey of Asheville, N.C., and his maternal great grandparents, Charles and Rosamond Stepp of Bluffton. He was preceded in death by his maternal great grandfather Myron Whybrew.

A memorial service will be held at the Gardens of Memory in Muncie on Friday, August 11, at 2 p.m., with Pastor Mark Pike officiating. An American Sign Language interpreter will be provided for those who are hearing impaired. Burial will be at Gardens of Memory in Muncie.

Preferred memorials to the Church of Christ at Manor Woods - Church Mission Fund, 5300 Norbeck Road, Rockville, Md. 20853.

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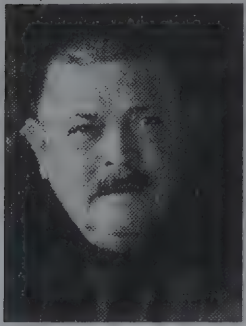
William "Bill" Marshall Shelton, 65

William "Bill" Marshall Shelton, 65, of Hartford City died at 11:45 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 7, 2006 at his residence. Mr. Shelton worked at the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Corporation in Hartford City for 36 years. He retired in 1996.

He was a member of the Portland Moose Lodge. He attended Hartford City High School.


Bill Shelton

He was born on Aug. 8, 1940 in Hartford City, the son of William Edward and Doris Robert Smith Shelton. He was married on Aug. 8, 1987 to Sonjia (Ueland) who survives. He is also survived by his mother, St. Mary's, Ohio. He is survived by four sons; William M. Shelton, II of Muncie, John Shelton of Hartford City, James Shelton of Muncie, and Robert Shelton of Dunkirk. Mr. Shelton is also survived by his step-son Jim McPherson of Montpelier, and his stepdaughter Linda Beal of Santa Ana, Calif.

He is also survived by brothers John Shelton of Hartford City and Mike Shelton of Shideler, and sisters, Mrs. Forrest (Jeananne) Helms of Greenfield, Karen Bolt of Montpelier, Becky Cooley and Stevie Marley, both of Celina, Ohio. He is also survived by six grandchildren, four step grandchildren and five step great grandchildren.

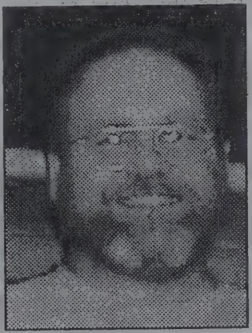
Calling is from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Glancy Funeral Home - Walker Chapel in Montpelier. Services are at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at the funeral home, with Pastor Bobby Thomas officiating.

Burial will be at Gardens of Memory in Muncie. Preferred memorials are to the American Lung Association of Indiana.

Michael W. Conner, 57

Michael W. Conner, 57, of Bluffton died Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 8, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, of complications from a heart attack.

Mr. Conner was a tool and die maker. A 1967 graduate of Bluffton High School, he had resided in Nokomis, Fla., for 14 years, returning to Bluffton in October 2005.


Michael Conner

Born on April 6, 1949, in Bluffton, he was a son of Kenneth D. and Patricia (Grove) Conner. His mother survives and resides in Bluffton.

Other survivors include a daughter, April M. Reinhart of Eden Valley, Minn.; two sons, David Conner of Fort Wayne and Timothy L. Conner of Berne; a sister, Mrs. Craig (Cheryl) Mann of Bluffton; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

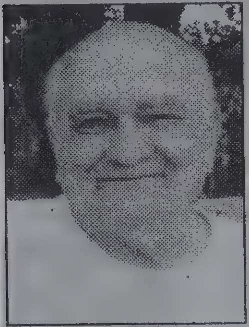
Services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Larry Sprinkle officiating.

A private family interment will be held at a later date. Preferred memorials are to the family or the donor's choice.

W. Glen Lynch, 88

W. Glen Lynch, 88, of Bluffton died at 7:25 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Lynch was a farmer and had been a grain elevator owner in Petroleum and Keystone. He also was involved in demolition of buildings and was a buyer and seller of real estate. He had attended Detroit Tech. and was a member of Petroleum EUB Methodist Church.


Glen Lynch

Born on March 4, 1918, in Jonesboro, he was a son of Charles Thomas and Stella Nora (Carter) Lynch. His first marriage in 1940 in Keystone was to Roxie Maxine (Pearson) who died in May 1964. His second marriage was in December 1964 in Petroleum to Velma Loise (Harvey) Kilty, who preceded him in death in November 1999.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Ivan (Anna) Holloway of Petroleum and Mrs. Jeff (Mary) Ogan of Kingsland; three sons, John Lynch of Fort Wayne and Tom Lynch and Henry Lynch, both of Linn Grove; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with Pastor Bruce Stong officiating.

Calling is from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Petroleum EUB Methodist Church.

Mary A. Hendry, 104

Mary A. Hendry, 104, of Ossian died Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006, at Ossian Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Born on Jan. 17, 1902, in Wells County, she was a daughter of Charles G. and Rosanna Heckley Isnogle.

A homemaker, her marriage on Sept. 22, 1921, in Ossian was to Elmer D. Hendry, who preceded her in death on Sept. 10, 1996.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Grace Parkison, Eva Grider and Daisy Myers; and two brothers, John and Frank Isnogle.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian.

Services are at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Rev. Lloyd Harlan officiating.

Burial will be in Prairie View Cemetery, Tocsin. Preferred memorials are to Bear Lake Camp, Albion.

Mahlon A. Hilty, 40

Mahlon A. Hilty, 40, of rural Monroe, died at 1:23 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006, at Adams Memorial Hospital from complications of muscular dystrophy.

Mr. Hilty was a partner in the Hilty Home Sales. He was a member of Old Order Amish.

He was born in Adams County on March 30, 1966, to Andrew A. and Amanda Schwartz Hilty of Monroe, who survive.

Additional survivors include seven brothers, Jerome A. Hilty of Berne, Martin A. Hilty, Joe A. Hilty, Dan A. Hilty, Levi A. Hilty, Eldon A. Hilty and Ernest A. Hilty, all of Monroe; two sisters, Mrs. John K (Anna) Schwartz and Lycinda A. Hilty, both of Monroe.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Ann Hilty.

Calling hours will be today from noon to 8 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the residence, 1891S 100E, Monroe. Services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at the residence with Jacob M. Shetler officiating. Burial will be at Schwartz Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home.

Charlotte Elaine Waters, 76

Charlotte Elaine Waters, 76, of Markle died at 11:20 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006, at the home of her niece, Joan Johnson.

A 26-year employee of Memcor/Truhom in Huntington, she also was a member of the Memcor Retirees Club. Her retirement was in 1995.

Charlotte Waters

Born on Sept. 22, 1929, in Fort Wayne, she was a daughter of George W. and Henrietta (Gleigh) Williams.

Survivors include a son, D. John Waters of Huntington; two sisters, Hazel Yourkwitz of Pensacola, Fla., and Dorothy Jauregui of Ossian; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Gladys Wojciechowski.

Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel.

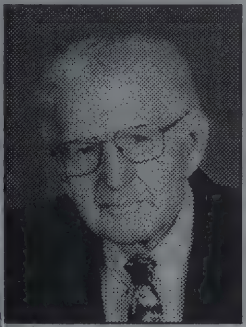
Services are at 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Kathie Jones officiating.

Burial will be in Pilgrims Rest Cemetery in Huntington County. Preferred memorials are to the Markle Park Foundation.

Kenneth H. McBride, 96

Kenneth H. McBride, 96, of Markle died at 3:56 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006 at Markle Health Care Center in Markle.

Mr. McBride was a member of the Markle United Methodist Church where he served as a trustee and a choir member for 30 years. He was involved in musical programs at local nursing homes. He had a milk route for several years, and had also worked at Sealtest in Huntington for several years prior to retiring in 1971. He was a graduate of Markle High School.


Kenneth McBride

He was born on Aug. 12, 1909 in Markle, the son of John L. and Maude M. (Wilburn) McBride. He was married to Berneice Folk on July 20, 1935 in Huntington. She preceded him in death after 56 years of marriage on July 27, 2001.

He is survived by a daughter, Judy Mower of Markle, and his sister Reada Espich of Markle, along with two grandsons, nine great grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother Ralph McBride and sisters Mildred Dalrymple and Crystal McBride.

Calling is from 3 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Markle United Methodist Church, and one hour before services at the church. Services are set for 10 a.m. on Monday at the Markle United Methodist Church with Pastor Richard Kathie Jones and Pastor Troy Mower officiating. Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel, s in charge of arrangements.

Burial will be at the Markle Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Markle United Methodist Church Missions or the Markle Church of Christ youth program.

Barbara Jill Harshman, 67

Barbara Jill Harshman, 67, of Bluffton died at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2006 at her residence.

She was a bank clerk at Old-First National Bank and National City Bank in Bluffton for 45 years, having retired in 2003.

Jill Harshman

She was born in Wells County on April 15, 1939, the daughter of Paul C. and Blythe Y. (Schocke) Harshman. She was the valedictorian of the Petroleum High School class of 1957. She was a member of the Sonlight Wesleyan Church. She was also active with the local "Relay for Life," cancer fund raising program.

She is survived by her two brothers; Richard Harshman of Keystone, and Robert Harshman of Peru. She is also survived by six sisters; Mrs. Ronald (Betty) McFarland of Viola, Del., Mrs. Robert (Paula) Pickett of St. Charles, Mo., Mrs. Nancy Okey of Bluffton, Mrs. Duane (Connie) Sprunger of Berne, Mrs. Rebecca Lennon of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Michael (Carol) Rodriguez of Lafayette. She is also survived by 22 nieces and nephews, and 32 great-nieces and nephews.

Calling is from noon until 8 p.m. Sunday at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel, and also one hour prior to services at the church on Monday.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at the Sonlight Wesleyan Church with Rev. Lyle Breeding officiating. Burial will be at Stahl Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Sonlight Wesleyan Church or the Wells County chapter of the American Cancer Society.

LaFaun "Bonnie" Haenel, 82

The sister of Bluffton resident Gwendolyn Payne, LaFaun "Bonnie" Haenel, 82, died Monday, Aug. 7, 2006 at her daughter's home in Wyoming, Pa. She was born on May 14, 1924 in Clyde, Ohio, the daughter of Herbert and Mona (Rummell) Sommers.

She is survived by a daughter Mrs. Gary (Carolyn) Hayes of Wyoming, Pa., and sons Rick Ballard of Willard, Oh., Jeff Ballard, Rod Ballard, Ted Ballard, and Barry Ballard, all of Fort Wayne; Henry Ballard and Dan Ballard of Auburn, and Ken Ballard of Wyoming, Pa., along with 30 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sisters, Gwendolyn Payne of Bluffton and Zenith Sommers of Castalia, Ohio, and her brother Walter Sommers of Camdenton, Mo. She was preceded in death by her brothers Dwayne and Lyman.

Calling is from 2 to 7 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday at the funeral home with Rev. David E. Keller officiating. Burial will follow at Riverview Cemetery. Preferred memorials to the American Heart Association.

Anita Mae Taylor, 55

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Monday at Manchester United Methodist Church in Manchester Mo., for Mrs. Robey (Anita Mae) Taylor, 55, of Chesterfield Mo., who died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006 of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

Born May 30, 1951, in Ashley, Ind., to Carroll and Teresa Glasgow, her marriage was to Robey R. Taylor, a native of Wells County and a Southern Wells High School graduate.

In addition to the husband, she is survived by her mother in Ashley; a daughter, Megan Taylor, a son, Brandon Taylor, three sisters and five brothers.

Also surviving are her husband's parents Ralph and Florence Taylor of Jackson Township and her husband's siblings Bill Banter of Jackson Township and Jan Babcock of Bluffton.

Calling is Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. at O'Sullivan Muckle Mortuary in Chesterfield.

Preferred memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, c/o Commerce Bank, 8059 Big Bend Blvd., Webster Groves, MO 63119.

Bernice LaVine, 91

A lifelong resident of Wells County, Bernice LaVine, 91, formerly of 326 W. Silver St. in Bluffton, died of natural causes following an extended illness at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006, at Ossian Health Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Bernice LaVine

Mrs. LaVine was a homemaker. She attended First Reformed Church in Bluffton.

Born Nov. 10, 1914, to Morris and Myrtle Bennett Emerick, her marriage in March 1943 in Connersville was to Louis F. LaVine, who preceded her in death on Dec. 30, 1977.

Survivors include a daughter, Cindy LaVine of Ossian, and a step-daughter, Mrs. Jack (Leona) Woodruff of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley LaVine; a step-son, Louis LaVine; four brothers and seven sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with Dr. Gene Bell officiating. Calling hours will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to services on Monday. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery.

Preferred memorials to the American Cancer Society and American Heart Association.

Annabell Randol, 79

A former Montpelier resident, Annabell Randol, 79, of Springfield, Ohio, died at her home with her daughter by her side at 7:45 a.m. Friday, Aug. 11, 2006.

Mrs. Randol was a housewife.

Born Feb. 20, 1927, in Rush County, Indiana, to Samuel E. and Margaret Meffert Cole, her marriage in Bluffton on Feb. 8, 1947, was to Robert E. Randol, who preceded her in death on Aug. 21, 1991.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Herman (Malia) Raster of Springfield, Ohio; two brothers, Joseph Cole of Greenfield, Ind., and Thomas Cole of Maxwell, Ind.; and a sister, Edna Martin of Indianapolis.

A graveside service will take place on Friday, Aug. 18, with the time to be set later. There will be no visitation. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Goodwin Memorial Chapel is handling arrangements.

Preferred memorials to Community Mercy Hospital, 1343 N. Fountain Ave., Springfield, Ohio, 45504.

Iva M. Rice, 86

Iva M. Rice, 86, of Fort Wayne died on Thursday, August 10, 2006 at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

She was born on June 2, 1920 in Rushville, Ind. Mrs. Rice had worked as a cashier with Hooks, Keltsch's, and Buschbaum Drug Stores. She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her three sons; Paul E. Rice, James E. Rice, Jr., and Gary Rice, and her two daughters, Mrs. Gerald (Pamela) Fabini, and Sherrie K. Rice all of Fort Wayne. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband James E. Rice, Sr. in 1998 and her brother Fred Jackson in 2005.

Calling is from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church. Services are set for 10 a.m. on Monday at Concordia Lutheran Church with Rev. Doug Croucher officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens. Preferred memorials are to St. Anne Home.

Richard H. Hartman, 56

Richard H. Hartman, 56, of Fort Wayne died at 5:38 p.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2006 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was a medic in the U.S. Army from 1969 through 1971. Mr. Hartman worked as a conductor and brakeman for the Erie & CSX Railroads from 1975 until 2003. He was a member of the United Transportation Union.

Mr. Hartman was a 1969 graduate of Huntington High School. He was born on August 13, 1949 in Huntington, the son of Hugh L. and Jannette (Lantis) Hartman. He is survived by his mother Mrs. Eldon (Jannette) Caley of Markle, and a sister Janet Falla of Brewster, Ma., along with two nieces and one great-niece.

He was preceded in death by his father Hugh G. Hartman in 1985. No visitation will be held. Private family graveside services will be held on Monday, August 14, 2006 at the Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Huntington County. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the charity of the donor's choice in care of Myers Funeral Home, in Huntington.

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Rebecca Anne Hedges, 52

Rebecca Anne Hedges, 52, died at 7 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, 2006, at her rural Bryant home.

Mrs. Hedges had been a first grade teacher at Lancaster Central Elementary School for 10 years.

Rebecca Hedges

She graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in French and Spanish. Her master's degree from Ball State University was in elementary education. She was a member of Delta Theta Tau and attended Pennville United Methodist Church.

Born on June 28, 1954, in Fort Wayne, she was a daughter of James and Marjorie Plottner Barnes. Her mother survives and resides in Fort Wayne.

Her marriage on March 15, 1980, in Fort Wayne was to Donovan M. "Mack" Hedges, who survives.

Additional survivors include children Breanna Hedges of Bryant and Matthew D. Hedges of Fort Wayne; a sister, Mrs. Lisa Paske of Fort Wayne; and a brother, James Barnes of Noblesville.

Calling is from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, where services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Burial will be in West Grove Cemetery, Balbec.

Preferred memorials are to the Lancaster Central Elementary School Library Fund.

Michael R. Coolman, 37

A Bluffton native, Michael R. Coolman, 37, of Warren died at 1:16 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Coolman was a social studies teacher at Huntington North High School for the past 11 years. He also coached at Huntington North and at Salamonie and Riverview middle schools.

Born in Bluffton on Oct. 11, 1968, he was a son of Wallace and Della A. (Vaughn) Coolman, and graduated from Huntington North High School and Purdue University. His marriage on Aug. 3, 1991, in Huntington was to Kimberly Scheib, who survives.

Other survivors include his mother, Della A. Coolman of Huntington; a daughter, Jennifer Coolman and a son, Jared Coolman, both at home; and a brother, Robert Coolman of Bluffton. He was preceded in death by his father.

Services are at noon Tuesday at Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington, with Pastor Kathie S. Jones officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. until the time of services Tuesday, all at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Huntington North High School Athletic Fund.

Harriett J. Coolman, 88

A native of Wells County, Harriett Jane Coolman, 88, died Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006, at Woodcrest Nursing Center.

Mrs. Coolman retired from United Telephone Company in 1976 after serving 13 years as a long-distance operator. She and her husband moved to Lehigh Acres, Fla., in 1977 before returning to Decatur in 1995. She also was a former resident of Bluffton.

Harriett Coolman

Born on July 1, 1918, in Wells County, she was a daughter of Harry and Emma Weist Wiltse. Her marriage on May 23, 1977, was to Garold Elwin "Jack" Coolman, who preceded her in death on Nov. 23, 1996.

Survivors include two grandsons. She was preceded in death by a son, former Adams County Sheriff Tom Coolman, who died Jan. 12, 2006; a brother, Blaine Wiltse of New York; and two stepsisters, Pauline Kaeser of Berne and Wilma Bennett of Florida.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Decatur Cemetery with Rev. Jeff Taylor officiating. There is no visitation. Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, is in charge of the arrangements.

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David Lynn McCracken, 66

Father of Mrs. Mick (Mindy J.) Bolinger of Markle, David Lynn McCracken, 66, of Woodburn died Tuesday, Aug. 14, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne of lung cancer.

Born Feb. 20, 1940 in Lima, Ohio, to William D. and Marilynn Foust McCracken, he married the former Myrna McGinnis Dec. 20, 1959 at Middlepoint United Methodist Church in Middlepoint, Ohio. She survives.

David McCracken

He retired in 1998 from the offices of Rea Magnet Wire following 32 years of service and was self-employed at McCracken Water Conditioning.

He attended Angola United Methodist Church and retained membership at the Woodburn United Methodist Church where he served in various capacities. A graduate of Hoaglin Jackson High School in Van Wert County, Ohio, he was also a graduate of International Business College where he majored in accounting.

In addition to the wife and daughter in Markle, he is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Mark (Lynne) Koch, Leo; a son, Mark P. McCracken of Leo; three brothers, Dr. James McCracken of Washington Courthouse, Ohio, Kent McCracken of Delphos, Ohio, and Eric McCracken of Van Wert, Ohio; four sisters, Mrs. Ted (Roseann) Spieles of Lima, Ohio; Mrs. Mike (Pam) Whetstone of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; Mrs. Tony (Mary Lou) Smith of Van Wert, Ohio; and Mrs. Mike (Sherri) Arn of Van Wert and eight grandchildren.

Services at 11 a.m. Friday will be at Angola United Methodist Church, 220 West Maumee Ave (U.S. 20) under the direction of Pastor Laurence Smith. Burial will follow at Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

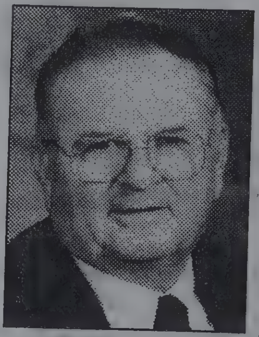
Calling at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, will be from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials may be made to campiong scholarship funds at Angola, Woodburn United Methodist Church or the St. Joseph Hospital Burn Center.

Richard H. Stroup, 77

Richard H. Stroup, 77, of rural Warren died at 9:13 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stroup was a lifelong farmer. He was a 1947 graduate of Warren High School and attended Plum Tree United Church of Christ.


Richard H. Stroup

Born on Feb. 13, 1929, in Warren, he was a son of Burr and Mildred (Wolverton) Stroup. His marriage on March 26, 1950, in Huntington was to Jean E. (McCloskey) Stroup, who survives.

Other survivors include a son, Gregor Stroup of Warren; two daughters, Jetty Stroup of Warren and Meshell Schloss of Fort Wayne; a sister, Kathleen Jacobs of Denver; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Stroup.

Calling is from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Dr. Jeane Spoor officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren.

Roland E. 'Butch' Wallace, 77

The father of Mrs. Ron (Michelle D.) McZegle of Bluffton, Roland E. "Butch" Wallace, 77, of Willshire, Ohio, died Friday, Aug. 11, 2006, at his residence.

Mr. Wallace worked for Old Fort Supply for eight years and retired in 1994 from Automatic Sprinkler in Monroe after 28 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Born on March 8, 1929, in Van Wert County, Ohio, he was a son of Verne and Millie (Weisner) Wallace. His marriage on July 1, 1950, was to Berneice M. Lautzenheiser, who preceded him in death on Sept. 10, 2000.

Survivors, in addition to the daughter in Bluffton, include another daughter, Mrs. Dale (Janet L.) Brown of Berne; three sons, John V. Wallace of Van Wert, Ohio, and Gene E. Wallace and Robert V. Wallace, both of Decatur; seven grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Pauline Boroff and Goldie Wallace; and three brothers, Gerald, Mike and Claron Wallace.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur.

Services are at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Rev. Anthony Stidam officiating.

Burial will be in Tricker Cemetery, Monroe. Preferred memorials are to the family.

Nicodimus Douglas Miller, Infant

Nicodimus Douglas Miller was stillborn at 12:01 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

He was a son of Philip Douglas Miller and Carol Ann (Hirstein) Miller of Bluffton.

Other survivors include siblings Mary Jolene Hirstein of Montpelier, Jessica Summer Woods of Morton, Ill., and Amber Nicole Miller and Samantha Ruth Miller, both of East Peoria, Ill.; and grandparents Colleen Miller, Mary Jo Hirstein, Don and Carolyn Miller and Jack and Wanda Hirstein, all of Morton, Ill.

Private family services will be held at a later date. There is no visitation. Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Marcene Anderson Miller, 80

Marcene Anderson Miller, 80, of Bluffton died at 9:03 a.m. today, Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006, at Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Mrs. Miller had been an R.N. supervisor at American Hospital. She also was a private duty nurse, working part-time at Caylor-Nickel Clinic. She also was a self-employed sales representative for Community School Calendars, and also was a writer for *Apartment Life Magazine*.

Marcene Miller

A resident of Wells County most of her life, Mrs. Miller was a member of First United Methodist Church and the Bluffton Elks Lodge. She was very active in the Wells County Democratic Party, serving as president of the Democratic Women's Club for several years.

Mrs. Miller was active for more than 20 years in the P.T.A. and served several years as service chairman for the Wells County Cancer Society. A 1943 graduate of Bluffton High School, she also served as secretary of the Bluffton Alumni Association. She also graduated from American Hospital School of Nursing of Chicago.

Born on Sept. 16, 1925, in Bluffton, she was a daughter of Charles E. and Estella Pearl (Quirk) Anderson. Her marriage on Jan. 7, 1952, in Crown Point was to Richard A. Miller, who preceded her in death on April 23, 1965.

Survivors include a daughter, Leslie Dianne Miller of Cincinnati; two sons, David C. Miller of Plymouth and Richard A. "Rick" Miller of Carmel; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert "Max" Anderson.

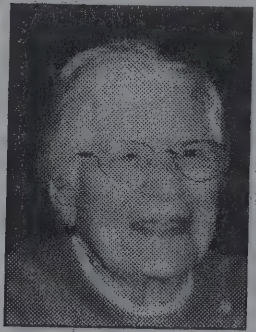
Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Cindy Osgood officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society and First United Methodist Church.

Anna Mae Richardson, 88

The mother of Richard D. Richardson of Craigville, Anna Mae Richardson, 88, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Huntington died at 4:20 a.m. today, Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006, at Oak Brook Village Nursing Center.


Anna Richardson

A homemaker, Mrs. Richardson also had worked for 17 years at Hunkler Production in Huntington. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, American Legion Post #7 Women's Auxiliary, VFW Post #2689 Women's Auxiliary and the Women of the Moose Lodge #837.

Born on April 28, 1918, in Huntington, she was a daughter of Herman E. and Anna C. (Brandt) Finley. Her marriage on Sept. 8, 1943, in Huntington was to Russell D. Richardson, who preceded her in death on Oct. 5, 1981.

Survivors, in addition to the son in Craigville, include another son, Charles E. Richardson of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Sherryl J. Vanner of Huntington and Mrs. Ronald (Diana K.) West of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Mary Dunnuck, Garnet Reifert and Betty Fox; and three brothers, Ralph Finley, William Finley and Russell Finley.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, with Pastor Steven Stull officiating.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Huntington County. Preferred memorials are to Pathfinders.

Jaycee Marie Lantz, Stillborn

Jaycee Marie Lantz was stillborn at 7:55 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2006 at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She is the daughter of Jason K. and Anna M. (Hohulin) Lantz of Bluffton. She is survived by her parents; her paternal grandparents Charlene and Dan Lantz, Jr. of Bluffton, her maternal grandparents Charlene and Bruce Hohulin of Congerville, Il., and her great grandparents Gladys Lantz of Bluffton and Bob and Betty VanNattan of Pekin, Ill., along with her sister Ali R. Lantz of Bluffton.

A private family graveside service is planned for Friday at 11 a.m., with burial at the Apostolic Christian Cemetery. No visitation is scheduled. Arrangements are by the Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

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Undine Sosbe, 81

A sister of Roma "Midge" Hankins of Bluffton, Undine Sosbe, 81, of Elwood died Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2006, at St. Vincent Mercy Hospital in Elwood.

Mrs. Sosbe was retired from the J. Lewis Small Company after 25 years of service. She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Elwood V.F.W., where she was a past president, secretary and chaplain.

Born on Nov. 17, 1924, in Nottingham Township of Wells County, she was a daughter of Ernest Ozro and Mabel Victoria (Gehrett) Ellison. Her marriage on June 28, 1941, was to William C. "Pete" Sosbe, who preceded her in death on March 29, 1994.

Survivors, in addition to the sister in Bluffton, include a daughter, Joyce (Sosbe) Hartsock of Elwood; a son, Tim Sosbe of Elwood; another sister, Wilma Born of Fort Wayne; a brother, Ralph Ellison of Needmore, Pa.; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Beatrice Hall; and three brothers, Billy Ellison, Norman Ellison and Narl Ellison.

Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Dunnichay Funeral Home, Elwood.

Services are at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Rev. Steve Alvey officiating. Burial will be in Forrestville Cemetery, Summitville.

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Beatrice Taylor Stoneberg, 85

Funeral services for Beatrice Taylor Stoneberg, 85, of Lakeland, Fla., will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren.

Calling at the funeral home will be two hours prior to the service on Tuesday. Rev. Lauren Stoneberg will officiate and burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ossian.

Mrs. Stoneberg died on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2006, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center.

Born Aug. 1, 1921 in Lemon Mo., to Lowell and Ivah Dale (High) Landstaff, her first marriage was to Rev. Noel Dean Taylor Sr., who preceded her in death in 1991.

She is survived by her second husband, Richard D. Stoneberg of Lakeland, a son, Noel Taylor Jr. of Lakeland, Fla., two daughters, Mrs. Byron (Marilyn) Powell of Lakeland, Fla., and Cheri Gerbig of Bloomington, Ind., and a sister, Imogene Hivley of Columbia City. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Preferred memorials in lieu of flowers are to Gideon International, P.O. Box 173, Lakeland, FL 33802.

Mary Prentice Huffman, 89

Mary Prentice Huffman, 89, a lifelong Wells County resident died at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2006 at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

She was a graduate of Liberty Center High School and the International Business College of Fort Wayne. She worked as a bookkeeper for Farm Bureau and Buckeye Elevator before retiring in 1972. Mary lived in the same house at 5605 W. 200S in Liberty Center her entire life. She was a member of the Liberty Center Rebecca Lodge and the Boehmer United Methodist Church.

Mary Huffman

She was born in Wells County on Dec. 14, 1916, the daughter of Alfred Thompson. She married Clyde W. Huffman in Kentucky on July 23, 1938. Mr. Huffman preceded her in death on February 24, 1975.

She is survived by her sons Carl Darrell Huffman and Dwight "Ike" K. Huffman, both of Liberty Center. She is also survived by six grandsons and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother Robert Thompson and her sister Glesona Smith.

Calling is from 3 to 8 p.m. on today and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Services are at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Barry Humble officiating. Burial will be at Mossburg Cemetery in Liberty Center. Preferred memorials are to Boehmer United Methodist Church.

Richard H. Free, 97

Richard H. Free, 97, of Portland died at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006 at the Americare Living Center in Portland. Formerly a resident of Bryant and Pennville, Mr. Free moved to Americare Living Center in January 2006.

He had worked at Micro-Precision/Textron Inc. in Berne until his retirement in 1974. He was a graduate of Pennville High School, and a member of the Congregational Christian Church in Sardenia, Ind. He was born in Pennville on Oct. 30, 1908 to Albert and Bertha (Field) Free. He was married to Dorothy E. (Merteo) Free on May 30, 1939. Mrs. Free preceded him in death on Jan. 5, 1969.

Richard Free

He is survived by his son Richard A. Free of Geneva and his daughter Mrs. Jack (Rose Marie) Monroe of Dunkirk. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, five step grandchildren, and five step great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his brothers Walter "Skeet" Free, Meril Free, and Earl Free, and his sisters Pearl Ford, and Kathryn Glendening.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Paul Isch officiating. Burial will be at Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant.

Mary L. Speheger, 92

Mary L. Speheger, 92, died at 7:23 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006 at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center. She was a resident of the Christian Care Center in Bluffton and a lifelong Wells County resident.

Mrs. Speheger was a homemaker, and worked at the Bluffton Grocery until 1942. She was also a cashier at many local auctions. She graduated from Rockcreek High School in 1931 and from the Anthony Wayne Business College in 1932. She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church East and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mary Speheger

She was born in Wells County on Oct. 5, 1913, the daughter of Coulson and Hattie "Myrl" (Miller) McAfee. She married Walter W. Speheger in Bluffton on August 6, 1941. Mr. Speheger preceded her in death on February 19, 2001.

She is survived by her son Stevan of Cape Coral, Fla., and her daughter Mrs. Donnie (Susan) Tinnel of Las Cruces, N.M., along with three grandchildren, one step grandchild, and two step great-grandchildren. She is the last of her family.

Calling is from 3 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel, and one hour before services at the church on Thursday. Services are at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at the Apostolic Christian Church East with Ed Schwartz and Phil Stettner officiating. Burial will be at the Apostolic Christian Cemetery.

Richard L. Knowles, 65

A Bluffton native, Richard L. Knowles, 65, died at 2:40 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at Adams Memorial Hospital, Decatur. He was a resident of Chalet Village, Berne.

Mr. Knowles was born Dec. 16, 1940, in Bluffton. He was a son of Mac and Virgie M. Clanin Knowles.

Richard Knowles

Survivors include two daughters, Tammy Budrow of Fort Wayne and Terri Waters of Kernersville, N.C.; three brothers, Steve Knowles of Woodburn, Mark Kilgore of Winter Park, Colo., and Troy Kilgore of Bloomington; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Diane House.

A public graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Fairview Cemetery with Dr. Gene Bell officiating. There is no calling. Goodwin Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Phyllis A. Welches, 74

Phyllis A. Welches, 74, rural Markle, died at 6:43 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, 2006 at Markle Health Care.

Born Sept. 5, 1931 to Ray Terhune and Leota Walser Terhune Norton, her marriage to Vernon Garth Welches took place June 22, 1952, in Redkey. He preceded her in death Aug. 6, 2004.

Phyllis Welches

A 1949 graduate of Petroleum High School, she earned a bachelor of science degree from Manchester College in 1955. Later, she earned her master's degree from Ball State. She taught kindergarten at Lancaster Elementary School for 27 years, retiring in 1992. Prior to that, she taught at Adams Central, Marion and Rockcreek. She was a member of the Indiana Teacher's Retirement Association and a member of the National Education Association.

She attended Faith Fellowship in Tocsin.

Survivors include two sons, Steve Welches of Garrett and Joe Welches of Zanesville; a daughter, Mrs. Eric (Susan) Springer, Uniondale; a sister, Mrs. Greg (Becky) Starr of Ossian; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday under the direction of Pastor Mike Wittenberger will be held at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery.

Calling at the funeral home will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials may be made to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or Markle Health Care Center.

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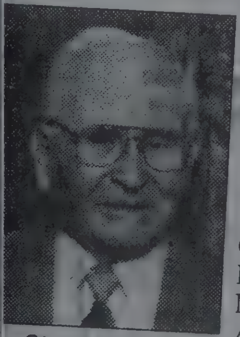
Dwight E. "Steve" Niblick, 86

A resident of River Terrace Estates, Dwight E. "Steve" Niblick, 86, died at River Terrace Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006 at 12:55 p.m.

Born Sept. 14, 1919 in Wells County to Ross Franklin and Grace A. Milholland Niblick, he married the former Ruth M. Paxson Sept. 14, 1939 in Bluffton. She preceded him in death Dec. 18, 2004.


Steve Niblick

A member of First United Methodist Church, he was a heavy equipment operating engineer and had worked in Panama before returning to the United States prior to the start of World War II. He was a 50-year member of the Mizpah Shrine.

Survivors include a son, Steven Niblick, Crawfordsville; three daughters, Patricia Lockwood of Bluffton, Susan Toppin of Naples, Fla., and Rebecca Teachout of Anna Maria, Fla.; a sister, Melda Monticue of Bluffton; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday under the direction of Dr. Gene
ll will be at Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at
n Grove Cemetery.

Calling at the funeral home will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Doris T. Lewis, 88

Doris T. Lewis, 88, of Petroleum died at 1:10 a.m. on Monday at the Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a homemaker and retired from the Bluffton-Harrison M.S.D. in 1983 after working for 14 years as a special education teacher. She worked on her family's farm from 1940 through 1960. Mrs. Lewis also worked with her father as an accountant for three years, worked as a secretary at Franklin Electric for five years, and as a receptionist at the Caylor-Nickel Clinic for Dr. Bruce Kephart for two years.

Doris Lewis

She was a 1935 graduate of Pennville High School and a 1969 graduate of Ball State University with a bachelor of science degree. She earned a master's degree in 1973. She was a former member of the Pennville Methodist Church and later joined the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton where she taught many classes. She was also a member of the retired teacher's association.

She was born in Ontario, Canada on November 10, 1917, the daughter of William B. and Pearl (Coggeshall) Child. She married Harley F. Lewis on May 26, 1940 in Pennville.

She is survived by her husband Harley, along with her three sons, Kenneth E. Lewis of Roanoke, Bradley Lewis of Indianapolis, and Eric Lewis of Phoenix, Ariz., along with her daughter Mrs. Darrell (Yvonne) Scott of Cincinnati, Ohio. She is also survived by her sister Mrs. Wanda Gibson of Dayton, Ohio, and eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church on Friday. Services are at 10 a.m. on Friday at the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton with the Rev. Cindy Osgood officiating. Burial will be at the Pennville IOOF Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the First United Methodist Church.

Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

M. Eulala McLean, 91

A longtime school teacher, M. Eulala McLean, 91, of Markle died at 6:50 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006, at Markle Health Care Center.

Eulala McLean

Mrs. McLean was an elementary school teacher in both Wells County and Huntington County, retiring in 1974. She was a member of Markle Church of the Brethren and both the Huntington County and Indiana State Retired Teachers Associations.

A 1931 graduate of East Union High School in Wells County, she attended Manchester College, where she received her teaching certificate.

Born Oct. 6, 1914, in Rainelle, W.Va., she was a daughter of George C. and Minnie S. (Frantz) Martin. Her marriage on Aug. 13, 1940, in Plymouth, Mass., was to Robert B. McLean, who preceded her in death on April 13, 1999.

Survivors include three sisters, Alvada Snyder of Fort Wayne, Theora Welter of Anderson and Blendene Martin of North Manchester.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Elene Bender and Veva Shepherd; and two brothers, Galen Martin and Fred Martin.

By Mrs. McLean's request, there will be no visitation or funeral services. Interment will take place at a later date.

Preferred memorials are to the Markle Church of the Brethren. Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel, is in charge of the arrangements.

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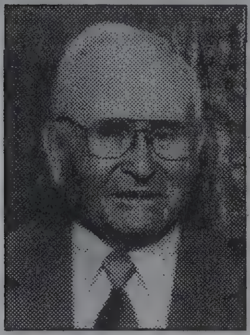

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A member of First United Church of Christ, he was a heavy equipment operating engineer and had worked in Panama before returning to the United States prior to the start of World War II. He was a 50-year member of the Mizpah Shrine.

Survivors include a son, Steven Niblick, Crawfordsville; three daughters, Patricia Lockwood of Bluffton, Susan Toppin of Naples, Fla., and Rebecca Teachout of Anna Maria, Fla.; a sister, Melda Monticue of Bluffton; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday under the direction of Dr. Gene Bell will be at Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Calling at the funeral home will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

(The above obituary is being re-published to provide corrected information)

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Richard E. Pickard, 77

Past Commander of the Fifth District of the Indiana American Legion, Richard E. Pickard, 77, Van Buren, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at his residence.

Mr. Pickard also worked for 31 years at the Marion General Motors plant before retiring in 1987. He was a veteran of the United States Airforce serving for four years from 1948 to 1952 and a member of the Van Buren American Legion Post 368 serving as past commander of the post.

He is survived by his wife, Iva, son Rick Pickard of Brownwood, Texas; two daughters, Julie Farmer of Marion and Anna Pickard of Angleton, Texas; a sister, Mary Lou Rupert of Huntington; a brother, Paul Pickard of Indian Lake Estates, Fla.; eight grandchildren: and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, Van Buren, at 11 a.m. Tuesday, will be under the direction of Dr. Blake J. Neff. Burial will follow at Garden of Memory, Marion. The Grant County Military Honor Guard will conduct graveside rites.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Carol Ann Dynes, 47

Carol Ann Dynes, 47, of Berne died on Friday, August 25, 2006 at her residence. She had been a Berne resident since 1985.

She was born on February 17, 1959 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Earl and Helen J. (Lepkowski) O'Parker. She was preceded in death by her father Earl on June 16, 2004.

She is survived by her mother Helen of South Bend; three sons, Andrew of Wilmington, Il., and Joseph and Daniel both of Berne, along with the boys' father Brian Dynes of Berne. She is also survived by her sisters Pat Bezi of Osceola, Sue Cadieux of South Bend, and her brothers, Earl and Kurt O'Parker, both of South Bend.

Visitation was held on Sunday at the St. Joseph Funeral Home in South Bend, with a Mass of Christian Burial held at 11 a.m. today at the Cathedral of St. Matthew in South Bend.

Preferred memorials should be made to the family for the educational expenses of Carol's children.

Audrey J. Stuart, 90

A former Bluffton resident, Audrey J. Stuart, 90, died at 7:40 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital, Syracuse, N.Y.

Mrs. Stuart was a registered nurse and a graduate of the Methodist School of Nursing at Parkview Hospital. She was a member of the U.S. Army Nursing Corp. with European Theater service during World War II.

Audrey Stuart

She worked during the first night shift at Caylor-Nickel Clinic Hospital. Mrs. Stuart was a former president of the Tri Kappa Sorority.

Born on Aug. 7, 1916, in Bluffton, she was a daughter of Wilson and Ruth (Byrd) Van Emon, and was a 1935 graduate of Lancaster High School.

Her marriage on Sept. 12, 1947, in Petersburg, Va., was to Vachel C. Stuart, who preceded her in death on March 29, 1983.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. David (Susan) Rosenburg of Liverpool, N.Y.; a nephew, Gary Merritt of Craigville; a niece, Mrs. Michael (Brenda) Herman of Bluffton; two stepgrandchildren; and a stepgreat-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a sister, Ethel M. Merritt.

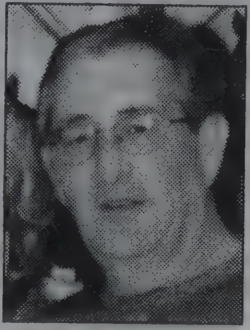
Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery. American Legion Post #111 will be in charge of the graveside service. Preferred memorials are to the 1st Presbyterian Church.

Kerry T. Leamon, 59

Kerry T. Leamon, 59, died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006, at his residence in Ossian.

Mr. Leamon had been a sales representative for medical equipment. He was a member of the Bass Masters Fishing Club and the Ossian Conservation Club. He was an U.S. Army veteran with service during the Vietnam era.


Kerry Leamon

Born on Dec. 13, 1946, in Bluffton, he was a son of Walter T. and Carolyn (Whitacre) Leamon. His father survives and resides in Fort Wayne. His marriage on Jan. 16, 1970, in Fort Wayne was to Fayellen Leamon, who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Angela Mishler of Ossian and Mrs. Troy (Abigail) Houtz of Spencerville; a son, Nathaniel Leamon of Ossian; a sister, Cherlyn Jackson of Fort Wayne; a brother, Galen Leamon of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Ossian United Methodist Church with Rev. Tim Dilley officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the church or Wells County Youth Baseball.

Evelyn L. O'Hern, 94

A rural Montpelier resident, Evelyn L. O'Hern, 94, died at 9:52 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28, 2006, at Blackford Community Hospital, Hartford City.

Mrs. O'Hern was a registered nurse at Blackford County Hospital for 25 years. She was a member of St. Margaret Catholic Church, Montpelier, where she was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society.

Evelyn O'Hern

Born on March 16, 1912, in Payne, Ohio, she was a daughter of Albert Reuban Buffington and Hetta Sophia (Brown) Buffington. Her marriage on June 6, 1942, in Columbus, Ohio, was to William F. "Ted" O'Hern, who preceded her in death on April 6, 1986.

Survivors include two daughters, Cathy Evens of Hartford City and Mrs. Tom (Pauline) Fraiser of North Liberty; a son, Patrick O'Hern of Hartford City; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier. A Scripture service will be held at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Margaret Catholic Church, Montpelier, with Father Bob Moran officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Montpelier.

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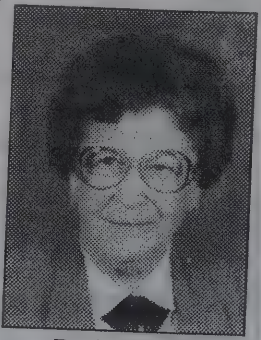
Doris E. Harris, 88

Doris E. Harris, 88, of Bluffton died at 8:25 a.m. today, August 31, 2006 at Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center after a six-month illness. She was a lifelong resident of Wells County and formerly resided at 525 East Spring Street.

Mrs. Harris was an office secretary and teachers aide at Columbian Elementary School for 12 years before retiring in 1977. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. She was born on February 19, 1918 in Bluffton, the daughter of John and Edna (Sawyer) Rix. She is survived by her son Steve K. Kelly of Bluffton, and her step children Wayne Harris of Bluffton, Mrs. George (Diane) Williams of Springfield, Va., and Mrs. Larry (Janice) Welke of Carmel. She is also survived by five grandchildren, five step grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.


Doris Harris

She was preceded in death by her first husband Laurel W. Kelly who died in 1964, and her second husband Robert Harris who died in 1983. She was also preceded in death by her son David Kelly, and her sister Mrs. Clarence "Rosemond" Croy.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, and also one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Mayor Ted Ellis officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the First Baptist Church or to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Frederick L. Hamrick, 75

The brother of Dorothy Wilhite of Bluffton, Frederick "Zeke" L. Hamrick, 75, Decatur, died at 10:33 p.m. Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

He retired in 1990 from Tokheim after 34 years of services and also drove a truck for Kruse in Wren Stock Hauling.

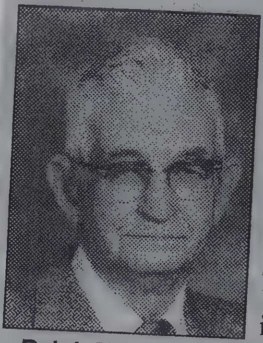
Survivors include his wife, the former Wanda Gibson of Decatur; four children; five brothers; five sisters; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur, with calling there Friday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Ralph H. McAlhaney, 91

Father of Mrs. Dennis (Ruth Ann) Monroe of Bluffton, Ralph H. McAlhaney, 91, died at 4:20 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2006, at Swiss Village Retirement Community. He had been in failing health the past 3 1/2 months.

Born March 16, 1915, in Washington, Ind., to Eddie and Jennie Hamlin McAlhaney, he married the former Wava Holloway in Vera Cruz Nov. 21, 1937. She survives.


Ralph McAlhaney

He graduated from Owensburg High School and lived in the Owensburg area until he was 21 but then moved to Adams County. He was a farmer and an electrician and a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Vera Cruz.

The McAlhaneys moved to Swiss Village in 1996. He was an avid pool player at Swiss Village.

In addition to his wife and daughter he is survived by two sons, Leland McAlhaney of Monroe and Keith McAlhaney of Poplar Grove, Ill.; a brother, Darrell McAlhaney of Bedford; a sister, Lucille Davis of Bedford; nine grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

A sister, Marjorie McAlhaney, preceded him in death.

Services at 2 p.m. Sunday will be at Swiss Village Auditorium under the direction of Rev. Rick Pulling. Burial will follow at the St. John's Cemetery, Vera Cruz.

Calling at the auditorium will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday and an hour prior to services Sunday.

Memorials may be made to Cross Roads or Swiss Village Retirement Center.

Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Victoria Lee Patch, infant

Victoria Lee Patch, 3 months, died Wednesday, August 30, 2006 at home.

She was born in Bluffton on June 1, 2006 to Robert A. Patch and Rosanne M. Stant of Decatur, who survive. Other survivors include four sisters, Megan, Dominique, Robin and Jessica Patch, all of Decatur; grandparents John and Wanda Langston of Bluffton, Randy and Tina Fisher of Portland, and Roger and Joy Hough of Geneva; great-grandparents Paul Stant of Portland, Robert Hough of Geneva, and Ethel Langston of Wilson, N.C.; and a step-mother, Cicily Patch of Decatur.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home with visitation there from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Burial will be at the Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant.

Preferred memorials are to the Ronald McDonald House.

James G. "Greg" Pippin, 49

James G. "Greg" Pippin, 49, of Berne died on Thursday, August 31, 2006 at his home. He is a former resident of Wells County and was employed at FCC in Adams County as a team leader. He attended Bible Fellowship in Olney, Il. He was born on May 5, 1957 in Robinson, Ill., the son of William H. and Shirley (VanWinkle) Pippin.

He is survived by his wife Jennifer (Cook) who he married in Nashville, Ind. on December 30, 2005. He is also survived by his sons James W. Pippin of Oscwola, In., and Joseph G. Pippin of Fort Wayne, and a step son Joseph Riley Cook of Berne.

He is also survived by his brothers Robert L. Pippin and William S. Pippin, and a sister LaDonna S. Waggoner, all of Robinson, Ill., and two step grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife Janice, who died in 2004.

Calling is from 5-7 p.m. on Monday at Yager Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday with Pastor Larry Eads officiating. A memorial service will also be held at Bible Fellowship Church in Olney, Ill., at a later date. Burial will be in Tohill Cemetery in Flat Rock, Ill.

Preferred memorials are to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Hazel H. Gerber, 95

Hazel H. Gerber, 95, of Bluffton died at 10:22 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, 2006, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Mrs. Gerber was a housewife, a telephone operator at Craigville Telephone and an EKG technician at Caylor-Nickel Hospital.

Hazel Gerber

Born on Dec. 21, 1910, in Wells County, she was a daughter of Jeff and Della (Frauhiger) Heyerly. Her marriage on March 4, 1933, in Bluffton was to Orval E. Gerber, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Richard Gerber of Fairfield Bay, Ark., and Phil Gerber of New Haven; 13 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Allen R. Gerber and Rodney L. Gerber; and siblings Florence Habegger and Eugene Heyerly.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with Steve Frauhiger officiating.

Calling is from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the services Monday, all at the funeral home. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery.

Maxine A. Roush, 90

Maxine A. Roush, 90, of rural Poneto died at 8:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1, 2006, at Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Mrs. Roush was a housewife and also was employed at Franklin Electric Co. for 15 years. She was a 1934 graduate of Liberty Center High School and was a member of Eastern Star.

Born in Kansas on July 2, 1916, she was a daughter of George and Jessie Krinn. Her marriage on Aug. 22, 1938, in Fort Wayne was to Luster E. Roush, who preceded her in death on Jan. 5, 2006.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Roush of Columbia City and Kent Roush of Poneto; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Maxine Roush

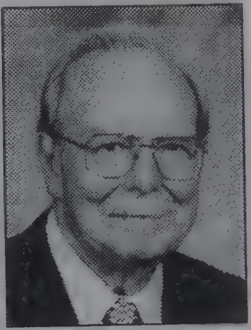
Calling is from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Services are at 3 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to the Heart Association.

Edwin A. Stoppenhagen, 84

dwin A. Stoppenhagen, 84, of Ossian died on Friday, Septem- 1, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Ar. Stoppenhagen retired from Hoosier Wire Die in 1985 and n farming in 1996. He was a World War II era veteran of the ted States Army, and was discharged in 1946. He was a mem- of the VFW and a 60-year member of the American Legion t 111. He attended Bethlehem Lutheran arch in rural Ossian, and enjoyed ball- m dancing and sporting events.


Edwin Stoppenhagen

le was born on Feb. 24, 1922 in Wells anty, the son of Charles and Lydia ckler) Stoppenhagen. He was married Aug. 8, 1952 at Freidheim Lutheran arch in rural Decatur to Lillian F. (Mor-) Stoppenhagen, who survives.

le is survived by two daughters, Mrs. chael (Debra) Pursifull of Ossian, and s. Dean (Rhonda) DeRoche of Fort yne, along with his daughter in law llie Stoppenhagen of Noblesville. He is survived by his brother Marvin Stoppenhagen of Ossian and sister Bernice Berning of Decatur, and four grandchildren and reat grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son James M. Stoppenhagen, brother Harold Stoppenhagen, his sister Irene Buuck, and three ndchildren, Sara, Amber, and Phillip James.

Services were held on Monday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church h the Rev. William Brege officiating. Burial was at Oak lawn metery with graveside military honors by American Legion st 111.

Connie J. Quackenbush, 61

The daughter of Ossian residents Michael and Dorothy Jauregui, nnie J. Quackenbush, 61, died on Friday, September 1, 2006 at r daughter's home in Lapel following a year long illness.

She was a member of the Saint Aloysius Catholic Church in der and the Phi Beta Psi sorority. She was employed by the AA. She was born on Nov. 26, 1944 in Fort Wayne to Michael d Dorothy (Williams) Jauregui, who survive. She had lived in der and Greenwood before moving to Lapel.

She is survived by her husband Thomas Quackenbush; four ildren, Thomas Quackenbush, Jr. of McCordsville, Mrs. Tom heryl) Campbell of Indianapolis, Mrs. Christopher (Teri) Bock Lapel, and Simon Quackenbush of Diamond Bar, Calif. She is so survived by two sisters, Mrs. Ron (Susan) Graft of Uniondale d Mrs. Tim (Linda) Otis of Ossian, and six grandchildren.

Services were held at 1 p.m. today at Saint Aloysius Catholic hurch in Yoder, with Father Dom officiating. Burial will be in int Aloysius Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Leukemia search at Indiana University Medical Center.

Arrangements were handled by Scott E. Hesberger Funeral ome in Lapel.

Kaye LaMarr Motz, 74

A former Bluffton resident, Kaye LaMarr Motz, 74, died on Friday Sept. 1, 2006 at his home in Ponca City, Okla., after a nine-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born in Bluffton on Aug. 10, 1932, the son of George and Helen (Miller) Motz. The family moved to Elkhart when Motz was a small child. He graduated from Elkhart High School in 1950, and attended the University of Colorado-Boulder, graduating with a degree in chemistry in 1954. He later obtained a Ph.D in chemistry from the University of Illinois. He retired as a research chemist for Conoco in 1993 after 33 years of service. During his career he obtained 17 U.S. patents.

He married Roberta Jean Young on June 14, 1959. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, along with two sons, Dr. Cary R. Motz and Dr. Gregg A. Motz, along with his sister Karen Lemon of Elkhart, and his brother Kolin Motz, and 4 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son Kevin Lee Motz. A memorial service was held in Ponca City on Monday.

Donnie L. McClain, 71

Donnie L. McClain, a Pennville resident died at 4:53 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. McClain retired from Indiana Glass in Dunkirk. He was a member of the Balbec Historical Club, and the Flint Glass Bottle Workers Union #501 in Dunkirk. He attended Friends Church in Pennville and was a graduate of Pennville High School. Mr. McClain had served in the United States Army.

Donnie McClain

He was born on May 21, 1935 in Blackford County, the son of Harry J. and Alma Pauline (Fear) McClain. He was married on Feb. 22, 1957 in Portland to Mary (Myers) McClain, who survives.

He is survived by two sons, Donnie McClain, Jr. of Bryant, and Steve McClain of Pennville, along with his daughter Mrs. Michael (Leann) Zimmerman of Pennville, one grandson, two step granddaughters, and four great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Joan Kelly of Bryant and Carol Anderson of Bluffton.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. today at the Glancy Funeral Homes Walker Chapel in Montpelier. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Tom Bradley officiating. Burial will follow at Maple View Cemetery in Pennville. Preferred memorials are to the Balbec Historical Club.

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Kienan Lynn Showalter, Infant

Kienan Lynn Showalter, infant daughter of Michael Jason Showalter and Sarah Marie Reece of New Castle died on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006 in Henry County Hospital.

She is survived by her parents, her maternal grandparents, Melissa Reece of Greenfield, and Russell Reece of Lewisville; her paternal grandparents Tammie and Mark Cobb and Donald and Debbie Showalter, all of New Castle. She is also survived by her maternal great grandmother Marge Gibson of New Castle, and her maternal great grandfather Bob Gibson of New Castle, and paternal great grandparents Perry and Garnet Frost of New Castle and Jim and Mae Cobb of Bluffton, JoAnne Lee of Kokomo; paternal great-great-grandmother Vada Roseberry of New Castle; maternal great-grandmother Joyce Butler of Spiceland, along with many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Services were set for 2 p.m. today at Macer-Hall Funeral Home in New Castle with Revs. Bob Boyd and Rodney Boyd officiating. Burial will follow in Lewisville Cemetery.

Cora Keplinger, 104

Cora Keplinger, 104, of Huntington died at 8 p.m. on Monday, September 4, 2006 at Millers Merry Manor in Huntington, where she had been a resident. She was a homemaker and was a member of the St. Peter's First United Church of Christ.

Cora Keplinger

She was born on Oct. 1, 1901 in Huntington County, the daughter of John B. and Lydie (Jones) Hite. She was married to George E. "Ed" Keplinger on Nov. 23, 1921 in Union Township. He preceded her in death on Nov. 12, 1982.

Survivors include a brother Harvey Hite of Warren, a sister Kathleen Campbell of Sebring, Fla., two grandchildren, four great grandchildren and eight great great grandchildren.

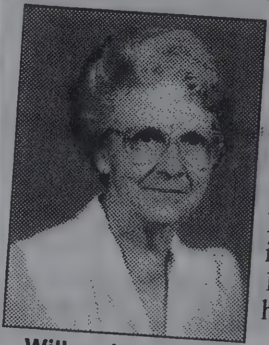
She was preceded in death by a daughter, Wilma Oden, five brothers; Howard Hite, Chester Hite, Roy Hite, Claude Hite, Robert Hite, and by two sisters, Cleo Brown and Opal Anson.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Myers Funeral Home in Huntington. Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Ray Scribner officiating. There will be one hour of calling prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will be at the Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Huntington County.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Home Healthcare and Hospice in care of Myers Funeral Home.

K. Willowdean Reiff, 91

K. Willowdean Reiff, 91, of Bluffton died at 8 p.m. on Monday, September 4, 2006 at Meadowvale Health & Rehabilitation Center in Bluffton. She was a homemaker and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton. Mrs. Reiff was an avid bridge player and was an active square dancer with her husband for many years. She enjoyed camping trips, was a world traveler, and also a talented seamstress. She had also been a volunteer candy striper at the hospital in Benton Harbor, Mi.


Willowdean Reiff

She was born on Oct. 19, 1919 in Columbia City, the daughter of Paul and Monty (Dimmick) Moore. She was united in marriage to Lewis D. Reiff on Aug. 12, 1934 in South Whitley. Mr. Reiff preceded her in death in November 2003.

She is survived by her sons Paul J. Reiff and David L. Reiff, both of Bluffton. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter Sheila A. Sturm in 1990.

Calling is from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton. Services will follow at 11 a.m. with Rev. Cindy Osgood officiating. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church or to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

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Hobart E. Harrison, 82

Hobart E. Harrison, 82, a resident of Berne died at 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2006, at Chalet Village Health Care Center.

Mr. Harrison had been a professional semi-driver since he was 17 years old, and retired at age 75. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Geneva. He served in the U.S. Army during WW II in Sicily and North Africa. He moved to Geneva from Rudy, Arkansas, and lived in Adams County for the past four years. He was a resident of Chalet Village for the past three years.

Hobart E. Harrison

Born on Feb. 24, 1924, in Brookville, Il., he was the son of Henry E. and Maudie (Couch) Harrision. He was married to Harriet (Dustman(Harrision on July 16, 2005. She preceded him in death in June 2006.

He is survived by his son Leland E. Harrison of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., His brothers Robert Harrision ofGeneva, and Henry Harrison of Alma, Ar.; his sisters Mrs. Merrill (Sharon) Butterfield of Warren, Mrs. Clifford (Sandra) Smith of Geneva, and Mrs. Terry (Linda) Davison of Uniondale. He is also survived by 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Harriet, his sister Geneva "Irene" Bowman, and his brother Donald Harrison.

There will be a graveside service on Friday at the Marion National Cemetery, with military honors by the Grant County Honor Guard.

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Kathryn Pearce, 91

Kathryn Pearce, 91, formerly from Warren died in Arlington, Texas, on Sunday Sept. 3, 2006. She was born in Warren and had resided in Arlington since 1954.

She was married to John Pearce who preceded her in death in 1997. She is survived by her sons Greg Pearce of Arlington, David Pearce of California, and Alan Pearce of Arizona, and by her daughter Penelope Tull of Dallas, Tex., as well as three granddaughters and seven grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her husband John, and a grandson, Steven Pearce.

A memorial service was held on Friday in Arlington, with burial planned for a later date at the Masonic Cemetery in Warren.

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Glen H. Reinhard, 77

Bluffton resident and former Lancaster Township Trustee Glen H. Reinhard died at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 8, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Glen H. Reinhard

He had worked for many years with his father-in-law Bill Steffen at the former Steffen Implement on North Main St. He was a member of the Bluffton Volunteer Fire Department for 15 years, and drove a school bus for the Northern Wells School System for 11 years. He was Lancaster Township Trustee from 2000 through 2004.

Mr. Reinhard was born in Adams County on Nov. 26, 1928, the son of Emil and Pearl (Gerber) Reinhard. He married Leota M. Steffen in Bluffton on Feb. 20, 1947. He was a member of the Bluffton North Apostolic Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife Leota, his son Steve G. Reinhard, and three daughters, Mrs. Larry (Sharon) Goodwin of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Steven (Cindy) Kline of Bluffton, and Mrs. Barry (Shelly) Scott of Ossian, along with 11 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

Visitation is Sunday from 6-8 p.m. and Monday from 1-8 p.m. at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel, and one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday. Services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Bluffton North Apostolic Christian Church, with ministers of the church officiating. Burial will be in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Christian Care Retirement Community.

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Donald J. Reed, 79

Donald J. Reed, 79, of rural Yoder died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, at Ossian Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Reed was a lifelong farmer and also worked in maintenance for 12 years at L.S. Ayres in Fort Wayne. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War era.

Born on Aug. 13, 1927, in Yoder, he was a son of James M. and Esther Louise Winters Reed. His marriage on June 18, 1955, in Fort Wayne was to Betty J. Mills Reed, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Karl (Diane) Blust of Auburn; four sons, Kevin Reed of Bluffton, James Reed of Ossian, and John Reed and Robert Reed, both of Yoder; four sisters, Mrs. Edgar (Opal) Freiburger of Ossian, Mary Silvers of Fort Wayne and Evelyn Watts and Bonnie Hendricks, both of Decatur; a brother, Gene Reed of Monroeville; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Carol Ruth Tustison.

Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian, with Rev. Joe Baker officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services Wednesday, all at the funeral home.

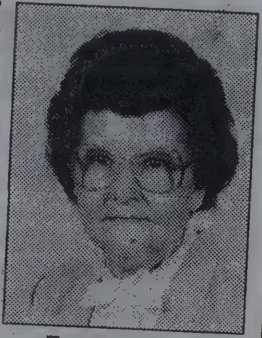
Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian. Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Fayma D. Durnil, 83

Fayma D. Durnil, 83, of Bluffton died at 10:08 a.m. Friday, Sept. 8, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Durnil was a former Montpelier resident before moving to Bluffton, where she has resided the past 10 years.

Born Jan. 18, 1923, in Upland, she was a daughter of Harrison Thornburgh and Bertha (Monroe) Thornburgh. Her marriage on Nov. 13, 1965, was to Archie W. Durnil, who preceded her in death on Nov. 27, 1980.


Fayma Durnil

Survivors include two sons, Monte Reese of Bluffton and Gary Michael Reese of Marion; two brothers, Theldon Thornburgh of Eaton and Glen Thornburgh of Fairmount; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, H. Dee Reese; a stepson, James Durnil; a sister, Margaret Stover; and three brothers, Clyde Thornburgh, Lloyd Thornburgh and Theron Thornburgh.

Calling is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier.

Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Jim Miller officiating.

Burial will be in Brookside Memorial Park, Montpelier. Preferred memorials are to the Montpelier-Harrison Township Cancer Society.

Herman Charles Drayer, 84

Herman Charles Drayer, 84, of rural Ossian died at 6:28 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Mr. Drayer had been a truck driver and farmer most of his life. He was a member of Apostolic Christian Church East.

Born on May 14, 1922, in Elgin, Ill., he was a son of Charles F. and Eva M. (Groh) Drayer. His marriage on May 14, 1944, in Bluffton was to Marie L. (Fiechter), who preceded him in death on Sept. 23, 2003.

Herman Drayer

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Lemuel (Donna) Vega of Bluffton; four sons, Dennis E. Drayer of Ossian, Herman D. Drayer and Jerry L. Drayer, both of Craigville, and Rocky A. Giltner of Bluffton; a sister, Mary Ellen Cable of Florida; a brother, David Drayer of Harlan; 16 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Adella Gerwig; and two brothers, Darrell and Joel.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Apostolic Christian Church East with Ron Kipfer and John Reinhard officiating.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, and one hour prior to ervices Friday at the church.

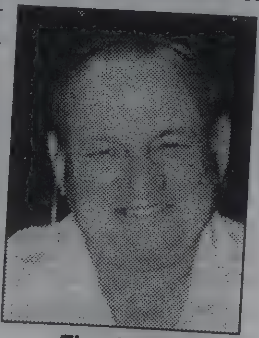
Burial will be in Apostolic Cemetery. Preferred memorials are Christian Care Retirement Community and Gateway Woods.

Floyd I. Sills, 70

Floyd I. Sills, 70, of Montpelier, died at 3:35 a.m. Monday, pt. 11, 2006, at Americare Living Center, Hartford City.

Mr. Sills was retired from Fisher-Body in Marion, where was a member of the United Auto Workers union. He was a ember of the Bro-Shadow Club and a former reserve police icer on the Montpelier Police Department.

Born on Dec. 19, 1935, in Blackford County, he was a son of rl B. Sills and Lucretia Beatrice (Gil- t) Sills. His marriage on Oct. 7, 1956, Montpelier was to Betty L. (McClain) ls, who preceded him in death on Jan. 2002.



Floyd Sills

Survivors include a daughter, Kim ve of Great Falls, Va.; a son, Rick ills of Montpelier; a sister, Brenda tillo of Hartford City; three brothers, l Sills Jr. of Hartford City, Jerry Sills a Fontaine and Joe Sills of Montpe- and five grandchildren.

e was preceded in death by a sis- Clysta Norton; three brothers, Larry , Verlin Sills and Gilbert Sills; and two grandchildren.

alling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at cy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier.

ervices are at 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Don n officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, tpelier.

William B. Glenn, Sr., 88

A resident of Warren, William B. Glenn, Sr., 88, died at 7:55 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 8, 2006 at the United Methodist Home in Warren.

He was born in Huntington on April 15, 1918, the son of Robert E. and Gertrude (Hoover) Glenn. He was a 1936 graduate of Huntington High School. Mr. Glenn worked for the Pontiac Motor Company in Pontiac, Mich., for a number of years and also worked at Boeing in various locations throughout the country. He was involved in the Apollo space program and retired from Boeing in 1969. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in World War II.

He was preceded in death by his son William B. Glenn, Jr., and his daughter Anne Glenn, along with his brothers Thomas Glenn, John R. Glenn, Burr H. Glenn, and his sisters Ruth Petrie and Josephine "Doty" Harlow.

He is survived by his nephew Robert Glenn of South Beach, Oregon. There are no calling hours or services planned. Arrangements are by the Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren. Memorials may be made to Habitat for Humanity of Huntington County.

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Norma A. (Grove) Stair, 88

Norma A. (Grove) Stair, 88, of Bluffton died at 4:50 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at Heritage Park Care Center in Fort Wayne.

A lifelong resident of Wells County, Mrs. Stair was a homemaker and a member of Hope Missionary Church. She was a graduate of Bluffton High School and held the title of Miss Bluffton in 1935.

Norma Stair

Born on Aug. 21, 1918, in Wells County, she was a daughter of Howard and Lillian (Brown) Little. Her first marriage on Nov. 25, 1936, was to Hershel Grove, who passed away on Aug. 3, 1973. Her second marriage in 1976 was to Ray A. Stair, who preceded her in death on Aug. 27, 2001.

Survivors include two sons, Keith Grove of Crossville, Tenn., and Neil Grove of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Rev. Tim Stair of Goshen; sisters-in-law Vida Stair and Tressie Stair, both of Bluffton, and Mary Little of Celina, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Rubeen Mock; and a brother, Dwight Little.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Rev. Tim Stair officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton.

Preferred memorials are to Hope Missionary Church or to Heritage Park Care Center in Fort Wayne. Online condolences may be made at www.thomarich.com

Jack Garton, 60

A Bluffton native, Jack Garton, 60, of Lewisville, Texas, died on Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Garton retired from Xerox Corp after 34 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran with service in Germany during the Vietnam War era. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Carrollton.

Jack Garton

Born on June 21, 1946, in Bluffton, he was a son of Wilborne "Bill" and Ramona Garton.

Survivors include his wife, Rita Garton of Lewisville; two brothers, Dan Garton of Indianapolis and Rick Garton of Fort Wayne; and an aunt, Betty Grove of Bluffton.

Calling is from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Rhoton Funeral Home, Carrollton, Texas.

Services are at noon Thursday at First Baptist Church, Carrollton. Interment will follow at DFW National Cemetery, Dallas.

Agnes Stuckey, 79

The mother of Scott Stuckey of Ossian, Agnes Stuckey, 79, of Berne died at 6:04 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, at Adams Memorial Hospital, Decatur.

Mrs. Stuckey was a former co-owner with her husband for 40 years of the Palmer House Restaurant. She was a member of Cross Community Church and the Women's Guild.

Born on Aug. 1, 1927, in Adams County, she was a daughter of Eugene and Leona (Kauffman) Farlow. Her marriage on Jan. 14, 1951, in Berne was to Gaylord Stuckey, who survives.

Other survivors, in addition to the son in Ossian, include a daughter, Mrs. David (Nancy) Binkley of Fort Wayne; another son, Larry Stuckey of Portland; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Zehr.

Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Cross Community Church with Rev. Randall Luther officiating. There also is calling from 9 a.m. until the time of services Thursday at the church.

Burial will be in MRE Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the church.

Dorothea Blumenhorst Clapper, 92

A former resident of Montpelier, Dorothea (Blumenhorst) Clapper, 92, of rural Dunkirk died at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor, Dunkirk.

Dorothea Clapper

Mrs. Clapper had worked for Harper Grace Hospital in Detroit, Mich. In addition to living in Montpelier, she also had resided in Pennville.

Born on Dec. 8, 1913, in Lima, Ohio, she was a daughter of Julius and Louetta (Slife) Blumenhorst.

Survivors include a brother, Melville Blumenhorst of Montpelier; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Harley Mercer, and her second husband, Wilbert Clapper.

Calling is from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Rich Hadley officiating. Burial will be in Twin Hill - I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Pennville.

Harriet W. May, 80

Harriet W. May, 80, of Bluffton passed away at 4 a.m. today, Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006, at Christian Care Retirement Community, Bluffton.

A resident of Bluffton the last 48 years, Mrs. May was a homemaker and an active member of First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton, where she had served as an elder, deacon and in the nursery. She also cooked for various church functions and was active with the Bloodmobile and the Wells County Republican Party.

Born on April 23, 1926, in Lakewood, Ohio, she was a daughter of Louis Fred Kramer and Anna (Perry) Kramer. Her marriage on Aug. 9, 1947, in Lakewood was to Arthur R. May, who preceded her in death on June 18, 2003.

Harriet May

Survivors include two daughters, Bonnie Swarner of Valparaiso and Susan May of Columbia, Va.; a son, John May of Columbus, Ind.; a brother, David Kramer of Palm Springs, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Marion, Ruth and Doris; and three brothers, Walter, Kenneth and Richard.

Calling is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the church with Rev. Robert Madsen officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Christian Care Retirement Community or First Presbyterian Church.

Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.thomarich.com

Geraldine M. Woodward, 87

Geraldine M. Woodward, 87, of Ossian died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, at Christian Care Retirement Community, Bluffton.

Mrs. Woodward had been a surgical assistant at Caylor-Nickel Clinic for 15 years. She was a member of the Ossian First Presbyterian Church.

Born on July 23, 1919, in Adams County, she was a daughter of Charles and Lillie (Diehl) Johnloz. Her marriage on Nov. 2, 1937, in Ossian was to Weisell Woodward, who preceded her in death on March 9, 1999.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas Woodward of Ossian and Frederick Woodward of Leo; two sisters, Florence Decker of Bluffton and Marie Brown of Monroe; two brothers, Robert Johnloz of Craigville and William Johnloz of Bluffton; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Calling is from 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian.

Services are at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Rev. Rick Spencer officiating. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Woeisell-Glass Scholarship Fund at Ossian First Presbyterian Church or to Christian Care Retirement Community.

Charles Michael 'Mike' Webb, 35

Charles Michael "Mike" Webb, 35, of Fort Wayne passed away Tuesday evening, Sept. 12, 2006.

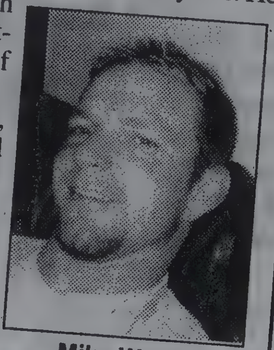
Mr. Webb was employed by Lawrence Construction and was a welder and general manager of Bledsoe Welding for 12 years. He was a 1990 graduate of Elmhurst High School and served as an NFL Flag Football assistant coach. He was a member of Fellowship Missionary Church.

Survivors include a son, Dustin; wife, Marci; two stepdaughters, Shannon and Megan Miller; his mother, Darla Deetz; stepfather, Bob Deetz; and a brother, Mark Webb. He was preceded in death by his father, Clyde Sherman.

Calling is from 2 to 9 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Services are at 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with Clinton Faupel officiating.

Preferred memorials are to the College Education Fund for Dustin Webb.



Mike Webb

A. Martelle Heffelfinger, 80

A. Martelle Heffelfinger, 80, of rural Poneto died at 11:13 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A graduate of Fort Wayne Beauty College, Mrs. Heffelfinger was a beautician and a member of the National Hairdressers Association. She was a member of Chester Center Church and a 50-year member of the Chester Nightclubbers Home Ec. Club.

Martelle Heffelfinger

Born on Jan. 27, 1926, in Blackford County, she was a daughter of Howard G. and Leona (Hartley) Harter, and attended both Montpelier and Chester Center high schools. Her marriage on Oct. 25, 1942, in Chester Township of Wells County was to Paul Heffelfinger, who preceded her in death on Nov. 10, 1991.

Survivors include a son, Paul Gail Heffelfinger of Dunkirk; a brother, Larry Harter of Hartford City; four sisters, Janet Rush of Bluffton and Mrs. John (Phyllis) Ketring, Mrs. Howard (Jane) Hart and Linda Harter, all of Hartford City; a grandson; and a great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Cecil Harter, Earl Harter, Thomas Harter and Nile Harter.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Rev. Bob Bothast officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren. Preferred memorials are to Chester Center Church.

William A. Yates, Jr., 85

A native of Bluffton, William A. Yates, Jr., 85, died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006 in Wabash.

Born in Bluffton on April 20, 1921 to William and Belva Yates, he was a member of the 1938 BHS football team which was inducted into the school's Tiger Athletic Hall of fame in February of 2005.

Mr. Yates served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He received a master's degree in education and was a teacher, coach and principal in LaPorte, retiring in 1983 to Mission, Texas.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Ramona Yates, in Wabash; three daughters, Sandra Yates and Terry Denney, both of Wabash and Debbie Hodak of Truth or Consequences, N.M.; a son, Mark, of LaPorte; two sisters, Louise Lane and Lucille Herzog, both of Fort Wayne, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Charles "Chad" Yates.

Arrangements are by the Northeast Indiana Cremation Society in Fort Wayne.

Twila McGrew, 82

Twila McGrew, 82, of Bluffton died at 12:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006 at Meadowvale Health Care Center. She was a homemaker, and enjoyed playing cards and golf.

She was born on Sept. 8, 1924 in Blough, Pa., the daughter of Paul and Olive (Sawsgiver) Barbour. She was married on May 8, 1942 in Wellsburg, West Virginia to Warren A. "Dan" McGrew, who preceded her in death on April 29, 1995.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Kim (Kathy) Kline of Bluffton, along with her brothers Kimmall Barbour of Erie, Pa. and Carl Barbour of New Wellington, Pa., and her sister Charlotte Webb of Upper St. Clair, Pa. She is also survived by four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son Keith A. McGrew on Nov. 3, 1992.

Twila McGrew

Calling is from noon until 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Services will follow at 3 p.m. with Pastor Mike Gilbert officiating. Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association and the Murray Missionary Church.

Betty L. Brinneman, 81

Betty L. Brinneman, 81, of Huntington died at 12:03 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, 2006 at Parkview Huntington Hospital. She was a resident of Tipton House in Huntington and a lifelong resident of Huntington County.

Betty Brinneman

Mrs. Brinneman was a homemaker, and also had worked as an aide at the United Methodist Home in Warren for eight years.

She was born on May 6, 1925 in Huntington County, the daughter of John V. and Wilma (Zellner) Wearley. She was a 1943 graduate of Jefferson Township High School. She was married on Sept. 9, 1942 in Huntington County to Robert D. Brinneman, who preceded her in death on Oct. 24, 2003.

She is survived by her sons Jon Brinneman of Andrews, and Ron Brinneman of Huntington, and her daughters Carol Paul of Lafayette and Mrs. Bob (Janis) Sloan of Fort Wayne. She is also survived by her sister Mrs. Alvin (Mildred) Baker of Marion, and 13 grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother Lanny G. Wearley.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Glancy Funeral Home - H. Brown & Son Chapel. Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Rev. Charles Dederick officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Marion. Preferred memorials are to Cancer Services for Huntington County.

Imogene E. Pasko, 101

Imogene E. (Hire) Pasko, 101, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Huntington died on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006 at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

She was born on Jan. 29, 1905 in VanWert, Ohio, and had worked at Pollock for many years, where she was also instrumental in founding a union. She was also a professional baker and had worked at I.P.F.W. She was a member of the Foster Grandparent Program at St. Joseph Hospital and a member of the Purdue Choir.

Imogene Pasko

She is survived by her sons Jack C. Gaham of Fort Wayne and Bill Pasko or Roanoke, and her daughter Mrs. Jerry (Janice) Gunder of Fort Wayne, and a step-daughter Margaret Drake of Marion. She is also survived by 23 grandchildren, 47 great grandchildren, and 30 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband John T. Pasko, her parents, four children, a sister, two brothers, two grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Services were today at the Covington Memorial Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Amy E. Motley, 34

Amy E. Motley, 34, of Cynthiana, Ky., died on Saturday, ept. 16, 2006, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center Lexington, Ky. She was a homemaker and enjoyed making welry.

She was born on June 6, 1972, in Ossian, the daughter of Glen . and Linda (Donaghy) Motley of Cynthiana, who survive. She also survived by her twin sister, Emily L. Motley of Cynthiana. ther survivors include her grandmother Doris Donaghy Jones of ssian, her halfbrothers Russell Thompson and Cody Thompson, oth of Bluffton, and her stepsisters Stephanie Motley Prophet id Kimberly Motley Rogers of Cincinnati, Ohio. She was preded in death by her grandfather, Richard C. Donaghy.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Elzey Patterson odak Funeral Home in Ossian, and one hour before services Thursday. Services are at 11:00 a.m. Thursday at the funeral me with Rev. Tim Dilley officiating. Burial will be in Oak wn Cemetery. Preferred memorials in lieu of flowers are to American Cancer Society or to the Ossian United Methodist urch.

Jerry L. Fleming, 56

Jerry L. Fleming, 56, of Hartford City died on Monday, Sept. , 2006 at his residence in Hartford City. Mr. Fleming worked at Gripco in Montpelier for 27 years. He was the commander of the Millard-Brown American Legion Post #156 in Montpelier. He was a softball coach in Hartford City and an assistant varsity coach and JV coach of the Lady Blackford Bruins Softball team. He was also an avid NASCAR fan. He served in the Bluffton unit of the Indiana National Guard.

He was a 1968 graduate of Montpelier High School. He was born in Huntington on May 29, 1950, the son of Lawrence E. and Loretta (Cruse) Flem-. He is survived by his wife Karen (Casterline) Fleming. He lso survived by his father Lawrence E. Fleming, his daughters gie Hillman of Hartford City, Mrs. Shane (Amy) Williamson artford City, and Monica Gaither of Hartford City.

Jerry Fleming

le is also survived by his sister Mrs. Lowell (Rita) Reedy artford City, and two half-sisters, Barbara Teagarden of nt County, and Katherin Rudd of Grant County, along with 5 dchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother Eleanor leming and his half-sister Loretta Sherman.

alling is from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at ncy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel in Montpelier. Services at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in dens of Memory in Muncie, with graveside military honors lillard-Brown American Legion Post #156.

Vercy Kelton "V.K." Fowler, 89

U.S. Air Force (Ret.) Major Vercy Kelton "V.K." Fowler, 89, of Belleville, Ill., died on Aug. 25, 2006. He was a World War II veteran who served in England and Germany. He was born on Oct. 15, 1916 in Fayette, Ala., the son of Henry L. and Elba Fowler. He was the son-in-law of Don I. and Mary C. Blue of Tocsin. He is survived by his wife Ann. G. (Blue) Fowler, formerly of Tocsin.

He had many friends in the Tocsin and Ossian area. A memorial service was held in Fayette, Ala., and he was interred at Oak Grove Cemetery in Fayette on Aug. 30, 2006.

George William 'Bill' Ludwig, 69

A native of Bluffton, George William "Bill" Ludwig, 69, died Monday, Sept. 18, 2006, at his home at Lake James, Angola.

Mr. Ludwig had been owner and operator of the Ludwig's of Portland supermarket. Following the sale of the business, he moved to his lake home in 1993. He became a registered representative in life and health insurance.

Active in numerous business- and civic-related organizations in both Portland and Angola, Mr. Ludwig also was a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash award.

Born on July 5, 1937, in Bluffton, he was a son of Paul E. and Lois P. (Farling) Ludwig. He graduated from Dunkirk High School and Michigan State University with a major in food distribution. His marriage on June 21, 1959, was to Peg L. Hangosky, who survives.

Other survivors include his mother, Lois P. Ludwig Louck of Lake Mary, Fla.; a son, Christopher Ludwig of Terre Haute; daughters Lea Ann Ludwig of New Britain, Conn., Mrs. Mark (Teresa "Terri") Christiansen of Auburn and Mrs. Alan (Jennifer) Kirk Jr. of Lansing, Mich.; brothers Jerrold Ludwig of Dunkirk and Anthony Ludwig of Winter Springs, Fla.; a sister, Leslie Garr of Indianapolis; two grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Rev. Laurence Smith officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton.

Preferred memorials are to the Steuben County Community Foundation, the Portland Community Foundation, the Steuben County Council on Aging or the Steuben County Cancer Society.

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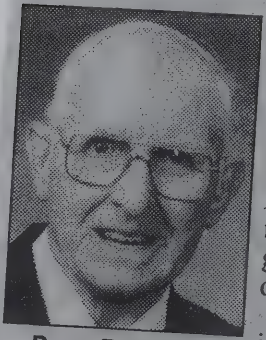
Perry A. Bosworth, 77

The father of Mrs. Dan (Brenda K.) Schrier of Bluffton, Perry A. Bosworth, 77, died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006, at his residence in Findlay, Ohio.



Perry Bosworth

Mr. Bosworth retired from Cooper Tire and Rubber Company as a press operator in 1991. He was a U.S. Army veteran with service during the Korean conflict. Born on Jan. 10, 1929, in Mount Blanchard, Ohio, he was a son of Perry H. and Norine (Goiner) Bosworth. His marriage on May 11, 1951, was to Margie L. Altvater, who preceded him in death on Oct. 20, 2005.

Survivors, in addition to the daughter in Bluffton, include three sons, David A., Terry L. and Timothy "Tim" R., all of Findlay; a sister, Mrs. Richard (Ilean) Peterson of Findlay; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

Calling is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Coldren-Crates Funeral Home, Findlay.

Services are at 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with Rev. Rick Broughton officiating. Burial will be in Knollcrest Gardens, east of Findlay, with full military rites to be conducted by the Hancock County Veterans Memorial Squad. Preferred memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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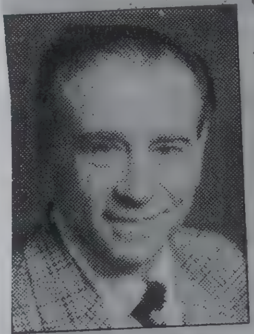
Robert G. Grove, 87

Robert G. Grove, 87, of Bluffton and formerly of Rochester, Ind., passed away at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006, at Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Grove had retired as a steamfitter. He was a U.S. Army veteran with European Theater service during World War II. He was a member of Bluffton American Legion Post #111, the Ossian Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and the First Baptist Church of Bluffton.


Robert G. Grove

Born on Aug. 14, 1919, in Wells County, he was a son of Charles O. and Ada (Bennett) Grove. His first marriage was to Mary Jacobs. In 1976 in Rochester, he married Vivian L. Zartman, who preceded him in death on Jan. 12, 2001.

Survivors include his daughter, Nancy Clark of Elkhorn, Neb.; sons Robert L. "Les" Grove of Rochester, Stanley C. Grove of Fort Wayne and Dean K. Grove of California; a stepdaughter, Diana Bradley of Rochester; a stepson, Mike Meyer of Rochester; seven grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 11 stepgreat-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, three half sisters and four half brothers.

Services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Calling is from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Citizens Cemetery, Rochester, where military graveside services will be conducted by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts.

William N. 'Bill' Evans, 74

A former Bluffton resident, William N. "Bill" Evans, 74, died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006, at his residence in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Evans retired in 1994 from Aid-Pak in Glouchester, Mass. He was a member of the U.S. Air Force with service during the Korean War.

He was a member of Grace Brethren Church, where he served as a deacon, and treasurer of the Royal Oaks Neighborhood Association. He was born April 26, 1932, in Bicknell, Ind.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Dolores E. Evans; a daughter, Kathy Evans of Magnolia, Mass.; sons Paul E. Evans of Plymouth, Bill E. Evans of Kennesaw, Ga., Joe Evans of Lawrenceburg, Ky., and David Evans and Don Evans, both of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Tom Evans in 1990; sisters Dolores Hash and Wanda Sanders; and brothers Paul E. and Bruce Evans.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grace Brethren Church, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hockemeyer and Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to the Building Fund at the church.

Ruth L. Murray, 92

Ruth L. Murray, 92, of Bluffton died at 10:50 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006 at the Christian Care Retirement Community. She had been in failing health over the past month.

She was born on Aug. 17, 1914, in Lake County, the daughter of Gilbert and Mary N. (Newhard) Jarrett. She was married to Wayne A. Murray in Poneto on Jan. 4, 1932. Mr. Murray preceded her in death on July 30, 1989.

Ruth Murray

She retired in 1984 after working for 20 years as a cook in the Bluffton-Harrison School System. She attended the First Reformed Church of Bluffton. She was a lifelong resident of Wells County.

She is survived by her sons, Frederick W. Murray and Jerry K. Murray, both of Bluffton. She is also survived by four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother Fred Jarrett, and by a great granddaughter, Lydia Marie Murray.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, with Pastor Larry Sheets officiating. Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery in Ossian. Preferred memorials are to the Christian Care Retirement Community.

Max L. Sprunger, 66

Max L. Sprunger, 66, of Ceylon died at 10:54 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006 at Adams Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Adams County on May 24, 1940, the son of Palmer and Eleanor (Whiteman) Sprunger. He attended Bi-County Services in Bluffton for many years. He enjoyed watching sports and solving puzzles, and he loved animals. He attended First Missionary Church. He is survived by his sisters Norma Augsburger of Berne and Meredith Sprunger of Ceylon, In.

Calling is from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday at Yager - Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne, and one hour prior to services on Saturday. Services are set for 2 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home, with the Rev. James Langham and the Rev. Gareth Wiederkehr officiating. Burial will be in the M.R.E. Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Chalet Village or Bi-County Services.

Wendell D. Jack Decker, 85

Wendell D. Jack Decker, 85, died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006 at St. Dominic-Jackson Memorial Hospital in Jackson, Miss.

Mr. Decker was born in Bluffton on Jan. 10, 1921, and attended the University of Indiana for two years. He then joined the U.S. Army Air Corp and received his wings on April 29, 1942. He was a B-25 pilot and was assigned to the 340th bomb group in the Mediterranean Theatre. He flew his first mission on April 19, 1943. On his 35th mission he encountered two enemy night fighters and anti-aircraft fire, and was forced to ditch, but his entire crew survived.

After his European service he served in the Pacific theatre, and received the Distinguished Flying Cross for a mission in Oct. 1944 where he and three other B-25's attacked 8 Japanese destroyers and 6 troop ships in Ormoc Bay, Philippines.

He is remembered in Wells County for buzzing Bluffton in a B-25, and the story recalled his aircraft passed between the Baptist Church Steeple and the Court House tower.

After he was discharged in 1946 he moved to Jackson, Miss., with his wife Leta DuPree Decker.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his brother Dale Decker of Bluffton, his brother Bruce Decker of Missouri, and his sister Carol Corbin of Muncie.

He is survived by three children, four grandchildren, and one great grand child. A graveside service was held on Thursday in Jackson.

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Jessica Lyn Miller Tripses, 22

The granddaughter of Kash Vanover of Bluffton, Jessica Lyn Miller Tripses died Sept. 19, 2006, in Manheim, Germany.

Jessica Tripses

She was a 2002 graduate of Wapakoneta High School in Wapakoneta, Ohio. She joined the Army in October 2004 and was involved in satellite communications.

Born Nov. 27, 1983, in St. Mary's, Ohio, to Richard Miller and Kimberly Vanover-Kreitzer, her marriage on June 2, 2005, was to Specialist Adam Tripses.

In addition to her parents, husband and Bluffton grandfather, she is survived by three sisters, Melissa Miller, Brittany Miller and Kristin Anderson of Wapakoneta, Ohio; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Bayliff and Eley Funeral Home in Wapakoneta. Contributions can be made to the Jessica Lyn Tripses Memorial Fund, 16236 Middle Pike Road, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 45895.

David G. Bollinger, 26

David G. Bollinger, 26, of rural Geneva, died at 8:06 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at his residence.

Mr. Bollinger attended Fort Wayne Community Schools. He was a union iron worker.

David G. Bollinger

He was born Jan. 2, 1980, in Decatur to David L. Bollinger and Patricia McCroskey Fear.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a son, Jordan Bollinger of Bluffton; two brothers, Eric Stanley and Matthew Taylor, both of Geneva; two step-sisters, Sabrina Caston of Churubusco and Christina Hoy of Fort Wayne; one step-brother, James Schwalm of Fort Wayne; and grandmothers Shirley Sue Curtis of Fort Wayne and Mary Bollinger of Portland.

He was preceded in death by two grandfathers, R. Gene Roxie McCroskey and Harry Bollinger.

Calling hours will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Homes in Geneva. Service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with the Rev. Wilbur Taylor officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Geneva.

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Rena May Soper, 92

Rena May Soper, 92, of Bluffton passed away at 4:15 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Rena Soper

Mrs. Soper had worked at the former Thoma Furniture store. She was a volunteer for the Wells County Hospital Auxiliary, a member of the Popular Grove Home Economics Club and the Mental Health Association Board and a charter member of the Bluffton Business Women's Club. She attended First Reformed Church of Bluffton.

Born on June 11, 1914, in Lancaster Township of Wells County, she was a daughter of Ora C. and Laura E. (Helms) Watters, and graduated in 1931 from Bluffton High School. Her marriage on Nov. 28, 1935, in Bluffton was to Benjamin Soper, who preceded her in death on Nov. 18, 1996.

Survivors include a son, O. Floyd Soper of Liberty Center; a daughter, Karen Sullivan of Union, Ky.; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

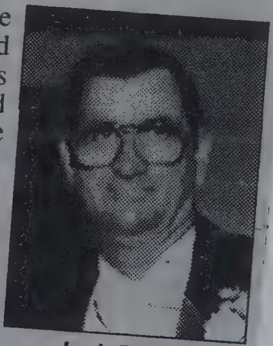
Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Dr. B. Gene Bell officiating.

Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton. Preferred memorials are to First Reformed Church of Bluffton.

Jack P. Elkins Jr., 65

A former Montpelier Police officer, Jack P. Elkins Jr., 65, died at 4:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at his rural Montpelier residence.



Jack Elkins

Mr. Elkins retired from General Motors Fisher Body in Marion on Jan. 1, 2004, after 35 years of service. In addition to his Montpelier Police service, he also worked for the Blackford County Sheriff's Department. He was a member of the F.O.P. and belonged to the Blackford County Civil Defense program.

He was born on Dec. 9, 1940, in Ceredo, W.Va. His marriage on Nov. 6, 1960, in Montpelier was to Esther (Hawk) Elkins, who survives.

Other survivors include his mother, Mildred (Thompson) Elkins of Okeechobee, Fla.; four sons, Gary Elkins, David Elkins and Bradley Elkins, all of Montpelier, and Jeffery Elkins of Largo, Fla.; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack P. Elkins Sr.; a son, Jerry Elkins; and a brother, Douglas Elkins.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier. The Montpelier Fire and Police Departments and the Blackford County Sheriff's Department will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home to pay their respects.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Rich Hadley officiating. Burial will be in Brookside Memorial Park, Montpelier.

Mary Elizabeth Banter, 68

Mary Elizabeth Banter, 68, of Van Buren died at 1:28 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at Marion General Hospital.

She had worked at Essex in Van Buren, Warren Tomato Factory in Warren and at Bradner Village in Marion.

Services are at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, Van Buren, with Pastor Dr. Blake Neff officiating.

Frances 'Fran' Milthaler, 63

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Portland First Church of the Nazarene for Jay County Treasurer Frances M. "Fran" Milthaler, who died Sept. 10 following a car accident near Paoli.

There will be no public visitation. Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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Laura May 'Shorty' McAfee, 86

Laura May "Shorty" McAfee, 86, of Bluffton passed away at 11:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Mrs. McAfee was a self-employed beautician and owner of Rockcreek Beauty Shop for 26 years. She attended St. Paul Lutheran Church and was active for years in the local 4-H program.

.aura May McAfee

Born on April 24, 1920, in Wells County, she was a daughter of John and Maritha (Beaver) Haiflich, and graduated in 1938 from Union High School. Her marriage on March 7, 1942, in Ossian was to David McAfee, who preceded her in death on Aug. 22, 1994.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Monte (Bonnie) Fisher of rural Bluffton and Mrs. Mark (JoAnn) Click of Culver; two brothers, Dick Haiflich of Bluffton and Tom Haiflich of Pennsylvania; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchil-
en.

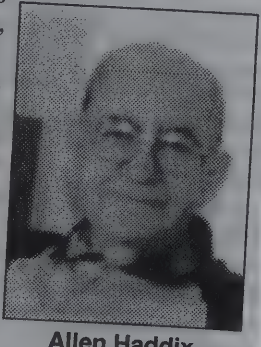
She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mona Kay McAfee 1946; and by a grandchild.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Goodwin Memorial apel. Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home h Pastor Paul Hunteman officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul netery. Preferred memorials are to St. Paul Lutheran Church Christian Care Retirement Community.

Allen R. Haddix, 82

llen R. Haddix, 82, of Bluffton died Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006, luffton Regional Medical Center.

former resident of Angola, Mr. Haddix was a tool and die er and engineer. He had worked for several companies, ding Franklin Electric Co. in Bluffton, Garrett Flexible, l Service in Butler and Thermo-Electronics and the Red-l Company in Angola. He retired as r of the Aldix Corporation in Edon, , in 1992.


Allen Haddix

rn on April 4, 1924, in Edgerton, , he was a son of Irwin G. and sia (Goebel) Haddix.

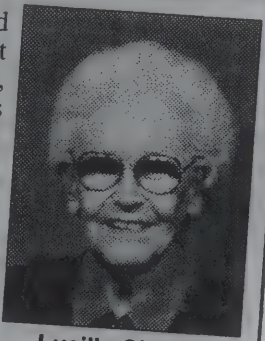
rvivors include two daughters, Mrs. (Julie Marie) Bunch of Bluffton Irs. Dan (Barbara Ann) Woods ramento, Calif.; two sons, James Haddix of Angola and Jeffrey Haddix of Snoqualmie, Wash.; five , Sevilla Miller of Adrian, Mich., Curtis of Angola, Elsie Stambaugh on, Fla., Viola Keller of Edon, Ohio, and Grace Redmond . Fla.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. preceded in death by a sister and three brothers.

ing is from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Krill Funeral Edgerton, Ohio.

ices are at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will aple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton. Preferred memorials charity of the donor's choice.

Lucille H. (Amstutz) Gilliom, 98

Lucille H. (Amstutz) Gilliom, 98, of Berne died at 12:16 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006, at Swiss Village Retirement Community.


Lucille Gilliom

Mrs. Gilliom was a homemaker and also worked at Berne High School, First Bank of Berne, Faith and Life Bookstore, the First Mennonite Church and Swiss Village Retirement Community. She was an active member of First Mennonite Church in Berne.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at Swiss Village Retirement Community.

Services are at 2 p.m. Thursday at Swiss Village. Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery, Berne.

Ellen Marie (Scott) Coker, 42

Ellen Marie (Scott) Coker, 42, of Monteagle, Tenn., died on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006 at her residence. She was a 15-year resident of Wells County.

She was born on June 20, 1964 in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Walter and Edith (Smith) Scott. She was married to Craig Coker on Sept. 23, 1988. Mr. Coker preceded her in death on June 17, 2005.

She is survived by her mother Edith, her sons Donnie Harness of Huntington, and Jonathon Harness of Monteagle, Tenn., and a stepson, Curtis C. Coker of Michigan. She is also survived by her brothers Jerry Scott of Shipshewana, and Terry Scott of Keystone, and her sisters Ann Scott of Bluffton, and Jane Cook of Mesa, Ariz. She is also survived by one grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her father Walter Scott.

Arrangements are pending at this time, and services and interment will be in Burr Oak, Michigan.

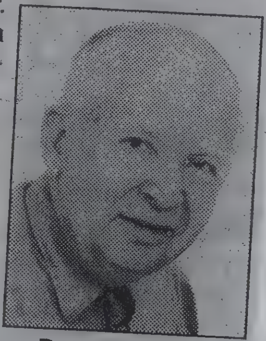
Donald F. Gerber, 73

Donald F. Gerber, 73, of Berne died at 6:23 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, at Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

Mr. Gerber worked at Micro Precision in Berne for 33 years before retiring in 1995. He had also worked at Kroger prior to working at Micro Precision. He was a Model A and farm tractor enthusiast. He attended the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall in Decatur.

He was born in Adams County on July 12, 1933, the son of Paul H. and Beatrice I. (Runkle) Gerber. He graduated from Jefferson High School. He was married to Doris (Fickert) Gerber, who survives, in Monroe on Oct. 3, 1953.

He is also survived by his daughters Connie Morimanno of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Randy (Carol) Bloemker of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Ron (Cheryl) Dunning of Rockford, Oh., and Mrs. Mark (Carla) Clary of Berne. He is also survived by his brother Larry Gerber of Goshen, and his sister Corrine Reddoch of Amarillo, Tx., and seven grandchildren.


Donald Gerber

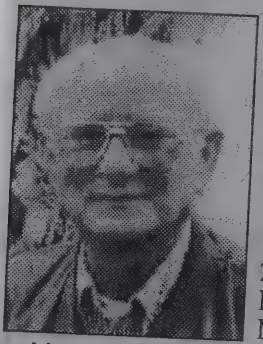
He was preceded in death by his sisters, Mary Brodbeck and Doris Gerber, and by his brothers Paul E., Glen, and Wayne Gerber, and a granddaughter Crystal Clary.

Services are at 10:30 on Friday at the Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva, with Randy Melching officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Berne.

Calling is from 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home, and one hour prior to services on Friday. Memorials may be made to an organization of the donor's choice.

Lloyd D. Anderson, 76

Lloyd D. Anderson, 76, of Daleville, formerly of Dunkirk and Montpelier died at 1:28 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.


Lloyd Anderson

Mr. Anderson had served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force and was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was retired from Borg Warner Automotive in Muncie. He was the former owner of the Dunkirk Barber Shop and later operated a barber shop in Pennville. He had also worked at Dana in Montpelier.

He was born in Toledo, Oh., on Nov. 26, 1929, the son of Thomas L. and Cora N. (Cheney) Anderson. He attended Montpelier High School. Mr. Anderson married Annabelle (Moore) Anderson in Bluffton on July 1, 1985.

He is survived by his wife Annabelle Anderson of Daleville. He is also survived by three sons, Clark Anderson of Redkey, Mark Anderson of Mount Pleasant, Pa., and Chris Anderson of Albany, and by his three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Lori) Bender of Uniondale, Mrs. Eric (Jackie) Clevenger of Muncie, and Mrs. John (Faith) Clawson of Yorktown. He is also survived by his sisters, Mrs. Robert (Meredyth) Aspy of Montpelier, Mrs. Onalee Bradley of Bluffton, and Mrs. Max (Frances) Glancy of Hartford City, along with 19 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Hazel Anderson and Ollie M. Bischoff; and his brothers Forrest, Eugene, and Karl Anderson.

Services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at the Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, with burial in Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier. Military graveside rites were performed by Millard-Brown American Legion Post #156 in Montpelier.

Calling at the funeral home will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Keith D. Dickason, 79

Keith D. Dickason, 79, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006 in Yountville, Calif., at the Retired Veterans Home. He was born in Wells County on Dec. 1, 1926. He was a member of the American Legion.

He was the son of Lewis A. and Mary M. (Taylor) Dickason. He attended Petroleum High School until 1943, and graduated from Montpelier High School in 1944. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in May 1944, and served until August 1948. He married Beatrice McCroskey of Geneva on Jan. 11, 1950. She preceded him in death in May 1993.

He moved to Stillwater, Okla., in 1959 and resided there until moving to a Veterans home in California in 1999.

He is survived by his daughters Colleen and Barbara, and his son Glen, along with 2 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren, all of Sacramento, Ca. He is also survived by his sister Janice A. Dickason Myers of Keystone, a nephew Steven K. Myers, and three nieces, Cheryl A. Aschliman of Bluffton, Karen J. Lewis of Ossian, and Jennifer R. Pursifull of Keystone.

Cremation will take place and a graveside memorial service will be held in Stillwater, Okla., at a later date.

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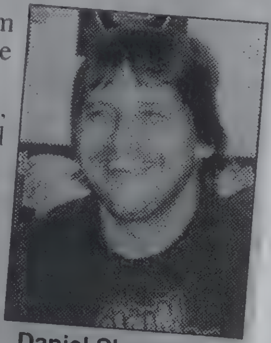
Daniel E. Shoemaker, 41

Daniel E. Shoemaker, 41, of Bluffton died at home on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006, after a two-year fight against a brain cancer.



Daniel Shoemaker

Mr. Shoemaker was formerly from Hallsville, Ohio, and attended Zane Trace School District.

Born on March 29, 1965, in Oak Hill, Ohio, he was a son of Donald and Leathel (Beam) Shoemaker.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret (Honeycutt) Shoemaker, his mother, Leathel (Beam) Russell; two sons, Brandon Shoemaker and Elijah "Chris" Shoemaker; a daughter, Mrs. Dennis (Samantha) Satterfield; brothers Donald C. Shoemaker Jr., John Austin Shoemaker and George Shoemaker; and five grandchildren.

Calling is from 6 to 9 p.m. today and 2 to 9 p.m. Friday at Hill Funeral Home, Kingston, Ohio.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Kent Ringger and Pastor Blakeman officiating. Burial will follow in Hallsville Cemetery.

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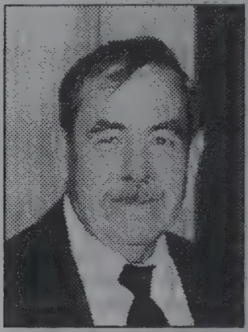
Donald W. Baker, 71

Donald W. Baker, 71, of Van Buren died early Thursday morning, Sept. 28, 2006 at the home of his brother in Hillsdale, Mich.

Mr. Baker was a truck driver for 45 years and had recently worked for the Ryder Logistics Trucking Company since 1993. He was a member of the United Auto Workers and the Van Buren American Legion.


Donald Baker

He was born in Providence, Ky., on Oct. 3, 1934, a son of William G. and Mable (Cavenaugh) Baker. He was married on May 24, 1980 in North Manchester to Monace Bonewitz, who survives.

Additional survivors include two sons: Donald Baker of Fort Wayne, David Baker of Van Buren, five daughters: Debbie Harris, Diane Oliver, and Donald Baker, all of New Madrid, Mo., and Cheryl Smith and Mikayla Cordill Baker both or Van Buren. He is also survived by a brother, Wayne Baker of Bellville, Mich., a sister Nancy Hutchinson of Bellville, Mich., 10 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and five sisters.

Calling will be on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel. Services are at 10 a.m. on Monday at the funeral home with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating.

Interment will be at a later date. Memorials may be made to an organization of the donor's choice.

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Avis June Gibson, 93

Avis June Gibson, 93, of Bluffton died at 10:57 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 29, 2006 at the Christian Care Retirement Community. She was a lifelong resident of Bluffton.

She was born on June 21, 1913 in Bluffton, a daughter of John and Stella (Bush) Woodward. She was a graduate of Lancaster High School. Mrs. Gibson was married to Graydon "Bum" Gibson in Bluffton on Nov. 23, 1938. Mr. Gibson preceded her in death on Dec. 6, 1990.

She is survived by three children, her sons Robert Gibson of Fort Wayne and Richard Gibson of Uniondale, and her daughter Mona Jean Strong. She is also survived by six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Earl Woodward and Grant Woodward, and her sisters Marie Decker and Milvia McCarty Cummins.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Oaklawn Cemetery in Ossian, with Pastor Bill Biberstine officiating. No calling hours are planned.

Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Robert B. Gavin, 90

Robert B. Gavin, 90, of Marion, died Sept. 10, 2006, at his daughter's residence in Fort Wayne. He was born in Salina, Kansas on Nov. 2, 1915, to Thay and Mary Louise (Tillman) Gavin and grew up near Liberty Center.

He married Martha A. Kind on July 29, 1942. She survives. He received three degrees in engineering from Tri-State University, Angola. He was Lt. Commander in the Navy Air Corp and was a pilot instructor during World War ii. He was director of buildings and grounds for Marion Community Schools and owned and operated Gavin Excavating Service for many years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Marion Exchange Club and past member of the Optimist Club.

Survivors in addition to the wife are a daughter Mrs. Phil (Beverly) Ford of Fort Wayne; sister Mildred Frantz, Winona Lake; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Susan Flaig. Funeral services were held Sept. 15th at the First United Methodist Church in Marion, with Rev. Kaye Patton officiating. Burial was at Grant Memorial Park in Marion with military rites.

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Ovid L. Lahr

Ovid L. Lahr, 83, Warren, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Ovid Lahr

Born July 20, 1923 in Huntington County to Lloyd and Wava Drabenstot Lahr, he married Esther Van Meter on Sept. 30, 1950 in Marion; she survives.

Mr. Lahr was a Huntington County farmer for most of his life; he also worked at Majenica Tile for ten years.

Other survivors include three sons, Jerry of Warren, Don of Huntington and Rick Lahr of Markle; a daughter, Cindy McKinzie of Huntington; a sister, Jane Glancy of Hartford City; seven grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by a sister, Helene Lahr.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel. Calling hours are today from 3 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday for one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be at the Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Huntginton County. Preferred memorials are to the Huntington County Heart Association.

Menno M. Schwartz

The father of Jake Schwartz of Bluffton, Menno M. Schwartz, 70, died at 4:37 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006 at his residence in rural Geneva.

Born on Jan. 2, 1936 in Hartville, Ohio to Jacob E. and Mary N. Miller Schwartz. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church and was a self-employed carpenter.

He is survived by his wife, the former Barbara Ann Eicher, eight sons, Willie of New Concord, Ohio, Ben and Johnny of Geneva, Menno, Jr. and Ruben of Bryant, Leander of Rochester, Robert of Celina, Ohio and Jake Schwartz of Bluffton; five daughters, Judy Girod of Berne, Mariana Wengerd, Susan Schwartz and Barbara Miller, all of Geneva, and Nancy Schwartz of Bryant; nine brothers and seven sisters; 84 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the family's home. Calling hours are today from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Burial will be at Bunker Hill Cemetery in Adams County. Arrangements are being handled by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva.

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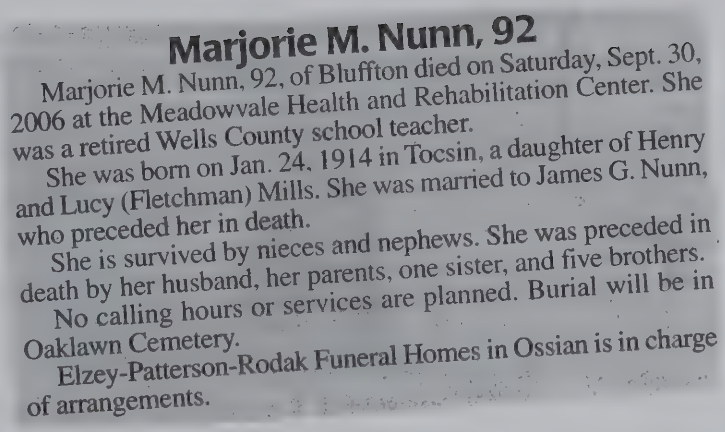

Marjorie M. Nunn, 92

Marjorie M. Nunn, 92, of Bluffton died on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006 at the Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was a retired Wells County school teacher.

She was born on Jan. 24, 1914 in Tocsin, a daughter of Henry and Lucy (Fletchman) Mills. She was married to James G. Nunn, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, one sister, and five brothers.

No calling hours or services are planned. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Homes in Ossian is in charge of arrangements.

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Kenneth R. Manning

Kenneth R. Manning, 84, Bluffton, died at 3:10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Born in Peru on Jan. 10, 1922 to Joseph O. and Nina Hazel Edgerton Manning, he married Dorothy Watrous Hunt on June 14, 1991 in Bluffton; she survives.

Kenneth R. Manning

A 1940 graduate of Bluffton High School, he attended Heidelberg College and graduated with an AB degree from Duke University in 1949 and earned an MBA from Winthrop College in 1974. He was vice president of business and finance and associate professor of business administration at Winthrop. He also served at the University of Alabama, University of Michigan and Duke University, and as Director of Institutional Research and visiting assistant professor for 8 1/2 years at Indiana University-Kokomo, retiring in 1990.

Mr. Manning served as a captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton and American Legion Post 111, served as treasurer for the Wells County Historical Society, and is a former member of the Bluffton Lions Club.

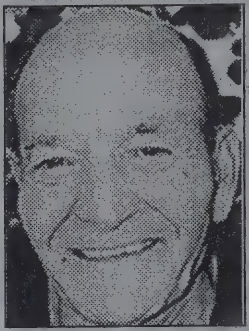
Additional survivors include two daughters, Nancy Kreger of Bristol, Tenn., and Kay Elrod of Charlotte, N.C.; a son, Douglas Manning of Hickory Grove, NC; four step-children, Barbara Putman of Angola, Janet Hawley of Fort Wayne, Virginia Strader of Fruit Heights, Utah, and Daniel Hunt of Craigville; six grandchildren; ten step-grandchildren; and 17 step-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Robert Madsen officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the church fellowship hall. A military flag presentation will be made by American Legion Post 111.

Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery in Durham, N.C. Preferred memorials are to the church. Arrangements are being handled by Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton.

Walter L. Wilson, 78

The father of Mrs. Joe (Marlayna) Sharp of Bluffton, Walter Lee Wilson, 78, Hartford City, died at 9:20 a.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2006 at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.


Walter L. Wilson

Born Oct. 30, 1927 in Indianapolis to Clem W. and Hazel M. Sudduth Wilson, he was a truck driver, retiring from Franklin Trucking in 1986.

Other survivors include his wife, Juanita LaVon "Bonnie" (Smith) Wilson; two other daughters, Cheryle L. Meyer, Hartford City and Lorri Reisinger of Fort Wayne; two sons, Larry L. and Walter L. Wilson, both of Hartford City; eight grandchildren; three brothers, Paul Wilson of Dunkirk, Charles Wilson of Montpelier, and Ben Wilson of Cloverdale. He was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Thornburgh; and two brothers, Robert and Thomas Wilson.

Services were held today at Keplinger Funeral Home in Hartford City with burial in the Hartford City Cemetery.

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Elco L. Eichhorn

Elco L. Eichhorn, 89, Ossian, died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006 at Ossian Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Born April 1,1917 in Wells County, he was the owner of Eichhorn Insurance.

Elco L. Eichhorn

Survivors include a daughter, Diane Holloway of Ossian; a son, Dennis Eichhorn of Arizona; a sister, Betty Kunkel of Bluffton; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen, whom he married on Jan. 1, 1942 in Decatur; and a brother, Robert Eichhorn.

A memorial service will be held on October 22, 2006 at the Fairview Church of God, Yoder, with calling there one half hour before the service. Preferred memorials are to the church.

Doyt E. Inman, 90

Doyt E. Inman, 90, of Bluffton died at 2:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 6, 2006 at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Inman was a rural mail carrier who delivered mail on Uniondale route #1 and route #3 before retiring in 1979 after 25 years. He was named Indiana's Outstanding Rural Carrier in 1978. He was a former member of the Uniondale Lion's Club, and a past district officer for the Lion's Club. He was a past officer of the Rural Letter Carriers of Indiana, and was a former scout master and baseball coach. He was also a former member and treasurer of the Uniondale Methodist Church.

Doyt E. Inman

He was born on May 13, 1916 in Van Wert County, Ohio, the son of Grover C. and Lora (Erhardt) Inman. He graduated from the Union Center School in 1934. He was a U.S. Army veteran of W.W. II, and a member of American Legion Post 111.

He was married on Sept. 3, 1939 in Prospect to Betty E. Cotton, who survives. He is also survived by his son Lane S. Inman of Fort Wayne, and 3 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Maxine Crum of Ossian.

He was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Sara Lee Inman, and his brother Dale Inman.

Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services Sunday at the church. Services are set for 3 p.m. on Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, with Pastor Cindy Osgood officiating. There will be a military flag presentation by American Legion Post 111. Burial will be in Prospect Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the First United Methodist Church, or to Prospect Cemetery.

Helen Flynn, 83

Former Bluffton resident Helen Justine Flynn, 83, of Royal Palm Beach, Fl., died Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006 at her residence.

Born in Bluffton on August 20, 1923 to Sam and Aldine Tonner Steffen, she married Staff Sgt. James F. Flynn in 1956; he died in 1976. She married Frank Flynn in 1978; he died in 1994.

She worked for Bell Telephone in Bluffton from 1941 to 1956, and was a volunteer in the pharmacy of the Hospice of Florida Suncoast for ten years. She was a member of St. Matthews and Holy Cross Church.

Helen Flynn

Survivors include two children, Thomas Flynn of Palm City, Fl. and Ann Carrick of Wellington, Fl.; a sister, Viola Pence of Rome City; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held Wed., Oct. 11 at 2:30 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton, with Don Steffen officiating. Calling will begin at 1:00 p.m. the day of the service. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery.

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Ronald David Carnall, 62

Ronald David Carnall, 62, of Bluffton, died at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Carnall was in the Marine Corps from July 1964 to August 1967. He worked at Zollner Corp. for 30 years, retiring in 1998. He attended 1st Church of the Nazarene.

He was born Aug. 8, 1944, in Bluffton to Dee and Mildred Keller Carnall.

He is survived by a son, David T. Carnall of Alexandria; two daughters, Mrs. Neal (Lisa) Worden of Bluffton, and Mrs. Steve (Jennifer) Bryant of Lake George, Colo.; one sister, Mrs. Earl (Anna) Kahn of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerry Carnall and Donald Carnall.

Ronald David Carnall

Calling hours will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Larry Sheets officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery. American Legion Post 111 will conduct military graveside rites.

Preferred memorials to the Heart Association and 1st Church of the Nazarene.

Nellie F. Harris, 103

The widow of former Bluffton City Council member Don V. Harris Sr., Nellie F. Harris, 103, of Bluffton passed away at 10:40 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Nellie Harris

Mrs. Harris helped out at her husband's pharmacy on Main Street for many years. Later, she and her husband served the Wells County Council on Aging in many capacities. Nellie was a member of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority and was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Born on Sept. 21, 1903, in Lancaster Township of Wells County, she was a daughter of Frank Thomas "F.T." Dukes and Mary (Wilson) Dukes. Nellie and Don were married for more than 78 years until his death on Feb. 3, 1998.

Survivors include a son, Don V. Harris Jr. of Washington, D.C.; two granddaughters; and four great-grandchildren.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at First United Methodist Church, Bluffton, with Rev. Cindy Osgood officiating.

There is no calling. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Sally L. Erxleben, 94

The mother of Dr. Walter O. Erxleben Jr. of Bluffton, Sally L. Erxleben, 94, of Bluffton died at 12:15 a.m. today, Monday, Oct. 9, 2006, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Mrs. Erxleben had lived in Bluffton since 2000. She previously had resided in Chicago, Batesville, Ind., and Cincinnati.

Born on Oct. 1, 1912, in Toledo, Ohio, she was a daughter of William and E. Viola Githens, and was a 1936 graduate of the University of the City of Toledo.

Survivors, in addition to the son in Bluffton, include sons William C. of Newcastle, Wash., Richard L. of Dallas and Terry J. of Indianapolis; a sister, Edna Campbell of North Carolina; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Walter O. Erxleben Sr.; three sisters; and two brothers.

Private graveside services will be held in Chicago at a later date. There is no calling.

Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Foundation for the Christian Care Retirement Community Endowment Fund or to the donor's favorite charity. Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Dorrell C. Allen, 90

Dorrell C. Allen, 90, of Van Buren died at 2:10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006, at Marion General Hospital.

A lifelong farmer, Mr. Allen also worked at Weaver Popcorn Co., Van Buren, retiring in 1982 after 17 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Local survivors include sisters Shirley Shultz and Dortha Brown, both of Warren.

Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Van Buren Central Christian Church. Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services on Wednesday, all at the church.

Burial will be in Van Buren Cemetery. Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, Van Buren, is in charge of the arrangements.

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Derry D. Nestleroad, 73

Derry D. Nestleroad, 73, of Leesburg, Fl., formerly of Montpelier died at 8:20 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006 at the Florida South Hospital in Orlando, Fl. He was an owner-operator truck driver until he retired in 1998. He was a 1951 graduate of Montpelier, H.S. He was born in Hartford City on Jan. 19, 1933, the son of Ernest and Charlotte Gertrude (Hahn) Nestleroad.

He was married on Feb. 9, 1952 to Rose Ann (Reynolds) Nestleroad, who survives. He is also survived by his four sons, Randy of Sanford, Fla., Danny of Monnett, Mo., Jerry of Scotia, N.Y., and Larry of Orlando, Fla., along with his brothers Hal David Nestleroad, of Orlando, Fla., and Bruce Nestleroad, of Houston, Texas.

He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Funeral arrangements are by Goodwin Memorial Chapel. There will be a private graveside service at a later date. Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery.

Clayton James Tucker, 2

A great-grandson of Betty Wilson of Markle, Clayton James Tucker, 2, of Roanoke died at 12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at Parkview Hospital from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Clayton James Tucker

Born on Feb. 18, 2004, he was a son of Matthew and Heidi (Weaver) Tucker, who survive.

Other survivors, in addition to the maternal great-grandmother in Markle, include a brother, Dawson G. Tucker, at home; paternal grandparents David and Corinne Tucker of Roanoke; maternal grandparents Steve and Rhonda Weaver of Fort Wayne; maternal great-grandparents Cliff and Colleen Herring of Clearwater, Fla.; and maternal great-great-grandmother Mable Bell of Clearwater.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Rick Smalling officiating. There also is calling one hour prior to services.

Interment will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Huntington. Preferred memorials are to the Ronald McDonald house.

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Robert W. Williams, 63

A brother of Mrs. Joe (Jean) Gilliam of Bluffton, Robert W. Williams, 63, of Decatur and Sun City Center, Fla., died Monday, Oct. 9, 2006, at his Florida residence.

Robert W. Williams

Mr. Williams was an insurance agent for State Farm Insurance. He attended First United Methodist Church in Decatur, and he was a member of Decatur Masonic Lodge #571 F.&A.M.

Born on Jan. 23, 1943, in Norton, Va., he was a son of Carlos and Emma (Bolling) Williams. His marriage on May 4, 1962, was to J. Connie Ann (Johnson), who survives.

Other survivors, in addition to the sister in Bluffton, include three sons, Jeffrey W. Williams of Springdale, Ark., Darren A. Williams and David B. Williams, both of Fort Wayne; two other sisters, Mrs. Carroll Strait of Pennville and Mrs. Tom (Linda) Besing of Evansville; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by a brother, Wendell Williams.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, with a Masonic Service at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Rev. Ken Mahan and Rev. Aaron Williams officiating.

Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Pennville. Preferred memorials are to the ACCF Angel Cancer Fund or the Adams County Diabetes Connection.

Phyllis J. Briles, 71

Phyllis J. Briles, 71, of rural Poneto passed away at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006, at United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren.

Mrs. Briles was a homemaker and attended Keystone United Methodist Church. She was a graduate of Chester Center High School.

Phyllis J. Briles

Born on Jan. 9, 1935, in Keystone, she was a daughter of Arthur Ramseyer and Hope (Tuttle) Colbert. Her marriage on Sept. 14, 1952, in Keystone was to Glen "John" Briles, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Danny "Punk" Briles of Keystone and John Briles of Huntington; three daughters, Connie Heaton of Pennville, Mrs. Rock (JoAnne) Rockrow of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Charity Reed of Shreveport, La.; two brothers, Rex Ramseyer of California and Dexter Falk of Bluffton; a sister, Donna Lugar of Keystone; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Charlotte Herring.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier, with Rev. Steve Sutton officiating.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services on Friday, all at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Brookside Memorial Park, Montpelier. Preferred memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Vernal C. Prater, 57

Vernal C. Prater, 57, of Ossian died at 11:58 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Mr. Prater was retired from Franklin Electric Co.

Born on March 12, 1949, in Hazelgreen, Ky., he was a son of Bruce and Gracie (Salyers) Prater.

Survivors include two sons, Jeffery Prater of Hickory, N.C., and Anthony Prater of Maiden, N.C.; four daughters, Angela Esch of Summerfield, Fla., Kathy Ames of Fort Wayne, Joy Krick of Ossian and Hope Benefiel of Glendale, Ariz.; and his former spouse, Deborah Ameter of Bluffton.

Calling is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian. Services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in McFarren Cemetery, rural Bluffton. Preferred memorials are to the family.

Arthur G. Miller, 66

A Wells County native, Arthur G. Miller, 66, died at 9:05 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at his rural Columbia City home. He had been in failing health since June.

Mr. Miller was a rural mail carrier from 1977 until his retirement on Oct. 3, 2003. He was a United States Air Force veteran.

Born on Jan. 15, 1940, in Wells County, he was a son of Lee T. and Loma (Hahnert) Miller. He grew up in the Bluffton area and graduated in 1958 from Lancaster Central High School and in 1963 from Purdue University. His marriage in 1974 was to Martha J. "Marty" Geist, who survives.

Arthur G. Miller

Other survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Kim (Sarah) Geiger of Andrews, Mrs. James (Margaret) Nelson of Columbia City and Mrs. Sam (Amanda) Alcorn of Muncie; two sisters, Karen Miller of Waynedale and Beatrice Anderson of Kokomo; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, rural Huntington.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley. There also is visitation one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Entombment will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to the L.D.S. Humanitarian Aide Fund or Parkview Huntington Hospice.

Evelyn Mae Meyer, 86

Evelyn Mae Meyer, 86, of Bluffton died at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006 at the Christian Care Retirement Center.

She had worked in the accounting department at Franklin Electric for more than 24 years. She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church.

She was born on May 12, 1920 in LaPorte County, the daughter of William and Ida (Meyer) Troxel. She was a 1938 graduate of Kirkland High School in Adams County. She is survived by two daughters, Marlene Stewart of Laguna Woods, Calif., and Mrs. Roger (Carole) Lane of Fort Wayne, and two sons, Larry Meyer of Wellston, Mich., and Bill Meyer of Fort Wayne. She is also survived by two brothers, William Troxel of Bluffton and Dwight Troxel of Decatur, and three sisters, Marjorie Troxel of Bluffton, Alice Troxel of Bluffton and Mary Jane Sprunger of Indianapolis, along with 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Evelyn Mae Meyer

She was preceded in death by her daughter Judy Meyer and her son Ronald Meyer, along with her brothers Ralph, Willard, and Kenneth.

Visitation will be on Friday from noon until 8 p.m. at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel, along with one hour before services at the church on Saturday. Services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Apostolic North Church with ministers of the church officiating. Burial will be in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery.

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Mary Margaret Sellers, 93

A longtime teacher in Wells and Blackford counties, Mary Margaret Sellers, 93, of Poneto died at 8:08 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at River Terrace Estates.

Miss Sellers retired in 1979 from the Blackford County School system after a 47-year career in teaching. She began in a two-room school in Vera Cruz, then spent 13 years teaching grades 3 and 4 at Poplar Grove before going to Montpelier, where she taught fourth grade for 33 years.

She attended Poneto United Methodist Church and was a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Business & Professional Women Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, Wells County Hospital Auxiliary, Blackford County Teachers Association, Indiana State Retired Teachers Association, Wells County Retired Teachers Association and the Blackford-Wells County Genealogy Society.

Mary Margaret Sellers

Born on Jan. 11, 1913, near Poneto, she was a daughter of Emory Bing Sellers and Nora L. (Doyle) Sellers. She was a graduate of Petroleum High School, with additional training at Manchester College and Ball State University.

Survivors include a sister, Dorotha D. Sellers of Poneto. She was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth R. Sellers; and a brother, Leroy Thomas Sellers.

Private family services will be held. There is no calling. Graveside services will be at Van Buren Cemetery with Rev. Roy Neil officiating.

Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Foundation Scholarship Fund, the American Heart Association or the Parkinson Research Association.

Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Robert A. Riley Jr., 72

Robert A. Riley Jr., 72, Ossian, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at luffton Regional Medical Center.

Born Aug. 11, 1934, in Marion to Robert A. Sr. and Mary Dawson iley, he married the former Susan Romine in Bluffton April 9, 1960. he survives.

Robert A. Riley Jr.

A member of the Ossian Church of the azarene, he was also a member of the udabaker Car Club. He was a brakeman d conductor for Conrail Railroad for 36 ears and employed by Roembke Manuacturing in Ossian for six years. He was a .S. Army veteran.

Additional survivors include sons lichael A. Riley of Huntington and Robrt "Rob" Riley of Zanesville; daughter enny Goodpaster of Black Mountain, .C.; brother Larry Riley of Miami, Fla.; ister Mary Ann Kirschner of Carmel; and even grandchildren.

Services at 1 p.m. Monday will be at the Ossian Church of the azarene with Pastor Chad Finney officiating. Burial will be at a ater date at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Calling will start at 11 a.m. on the day of services at the church.

Memorials may be made to the church. Arrangements are in harge of Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian

Betty Jean Hackett, 77

Sister of Myron "Mike" Ellenberger of Reiffsburg, Betty Jean Hackett, 77, of Mt. Morris, Ill., died at 3:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 13, 2006, at Pinecrest Community in Mt. Morris.

Born July 31, 1929 to Herman and Flossie (Calhoun) Ellenberger, she married the Rev. Henry E. Hackett in Plumtree Sept. 25, 1965. He preceded her in death Oct. 29, 1996.

She and her husband owned and operated Plumtree Antiques for over 30 years. She was a resident of Huntington County most of her life but graduated from Polling High School in Bryant. She and her husband ministered at First Christian Church in Andrews where she also played the organ and taught Sunday school for many years.

In addition to her brother in Reiffsburg, she is survived by four daughters, Ellen Hackett of Andrews, Ferol Labash of Mt. Morris, Sherry Hackett-Andrews of Noblesville, and Bonnie Vendeventer of Elizabeth; three sons, David B. Wilson of Milford, Bradford T. Hackett of Dublin, Ohio, and Paul H. Hackett of Brazil; three sisters, Iva Lou White of of Hartford City, Carolyn Rouch of Middlebury, and Bonnie Fear of Pennville; four other brothers, Kenneth Clair Ellenberger of Claypool, Loren Ellenberger of Beckley, W. Va., Larry Ellenberger of Bryant, Darrell "Stan" Ellenberger of Linn Grove; 20 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Two daughters, Cheryl Wilson-Lynch and Mary R. Hackett, a son, Steven Hackett, two brothers, Howard and Jerry Ellenberger, and a sister, Arlene Mantel, all preceded her in death.

Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday will be at Apostolic Grace Fellowship—the former Andrews First Christian Church—in Andrews with Wayne Hume, the youth minister of Northeast Christian Church in Rockford, Ill., officiating. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery at Andrews.

Calling at Bailey-Love Mortuary in Huntington will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Memorials may be made to Pinecrest Good Samaritan Fund.

Jerry Lee Leever Sr., 55
Marsha Lavonne Leever, 55

Parents of Mrs. Bob (Christa) Mittlestedt of Bluffton, Jerry Lee Leever Sr., 55, and his wife Marsha Lavonne Leever, 55, both died this week. Jerry died at his Elwood residence Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, and Marsha died Thursday, Oct. 12, at Community Parkview Care Center in Elwood following an extended illness.

The Leevers were united in marriage Dec. 22, 1972 in Elwood.

Marsha was employed for 17 years at Elwood Community High School while Jerry was retired from National Guard #138 Single Batallion as a maintenance technician.

In addition to the Bluffton daughter, surviving are two sons, J.J. Leever of Alexandria and Shawn Leever of Elwood and eight grandchildren.

Marsha is survived by her mother, Lavonne Faucett Parker; three brothers, Jerry of Frankton, Kevin of Elwood and Jeff; and two sisters, Mrs. Reggie (Janice) Hicks of Frankton and Mrs. Mike (Peggy) Waymire of Elwood.

Her father, John Parker, preceded her in death.

Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday will be at Dunnichay Funeral Home in Elwood with calling from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Rev. Roger Gardner will officiate at the services and burial with full military rites will be at Elwood City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Shirley Stauffer, 69

A resident of Christian Care Retirement Community, Shirley Stauffer, 69, died at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 13, 2006.

Born Jan. 24, 1937 in Wells County to Ed and Mildred Dilley Kipfer, she married Carl Stauffer in Bluffton Dec. 16, 1955. He survives.

A member of Calvary Lutheran Church, she retired in 1998 from Old-First National Bank following 28 years of service. She was a 1955 graduate of Bluffton High School.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Phil (Sue) Swain of Bluffton; Mrs. Brad (Carla) Weller of Toronto, Canada, and Mrs. Jeff (Jeannie) Miller of Bluffton; a sister, Barbara Kumfer of Naples, Fla.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was prceded in breath by brothers Jim, Don, Ed, Bob, and Carl Kipfer.

Services at 2 p.m. Monday will be at Calvary Lutheran Church, under the direction of Pastor Scott Meier. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Calling at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

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Ethel Ogle, 106

A resident of the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home, Ethel Ogle, 106, died Friday, Oct. 13, 2006, at the home.

Born in Wells County May 30, 1900 to Benjamin and Mary H. Hayward Baker, she married Floyd W. Ogle, Sept. 30, 1931. He preceded her in death Jan. 8, 1983.

A 1920 graduate of Warren High School, she was a resident of Rush County from 1947 to 1996, when she returned to Warren. She was an 80-year member of the Crescent Chapter of OES in Bluffton and the Hannegan Christian Church in Rush County.

Survivors include a brother, Howard Baker; step-granddaughter, Alberta Mae Beattie of Rock Falls, Ill.; four step-great-grandchildren; five step great-great-grandchildren and two step-great-great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by sisters Mildred Lantis and Hazel Morris and a step-daughter.

Services at Moster & Cox Mortuary, Rushville, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday under the direction of Warren Engel. Burial will follow at Glen Cove Cemetery at Knightstown.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Hannegan Christian Church or the Grundy Mt. Mission.

Carol H. Willey, 83

Carol H. Willey, 83, a lifelong resident of Bluffton and a dedicated volunteer with many public services, died unexpectedly of natural causes at 7:53 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Born on July 4, 1923 in Bluffton to Earl and Bernice (Masterson) Harvey, she was a graduate of Bluffton High School in 1941. Her marriage on Dec. 22, 1946 was to Richard Willey, who survives.

Carol Willey

Also surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Kenneth (Sylvia) Clark of Alexandria; Mrs. Douglas (Sally) Halberstadt of Bluffton; Mrs. Daniel (Cindy) Leininger of Warsaw and Mrs. Michael (Sarah) Gotsch of South Bend. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mrs. Willey retired in 1985 from NIPSCO, where she worked as an executive assistant for 17 years. She also worked as the secretary to the superintendent of Bluffton schools from 1941 to 1947.

She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church for more than 50 years, serving as a member of the finance and bereavement committees as well as with numerous other committees.

She was an active volunteer at the Wells County Food Bank, Wells County Public Library, and Bluffton Regional Medical Center. She was also an active member of Tri Kappa Sorority, where she served on various committees.

In 2002, Mrs. Willey was the Bluffton Business and Professional Women's "Volunteer of the Year" and was recognized as a "perfect example of a person living the Golden Rule."

Services for Mrs. Willey will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church with Pastor Cindy Osgood officiating.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home and from 10 a.m. until time of services on Wednesday at the church.

A Tri Kappa Memorial Service will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church.

Carl Leroy "Roy" Allen, 97

Funeral services for Carl Leroy "Roy" Allen, 97, will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

A former employee at Franklin Electric Co., and a farmer in Adams and Wells Counties, Mr. Allen died at 4:10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, 2006 at Goshen General Hospital.

He was a punch press operator at Franklin for 23 years and also farmed. He lived most of his life in Adams and Wells Counties before moving to Goshen in 1989. Mr. Allen was an avid fisherman and IU basketball fan.

Roy Allen

Born July 31, 1909 in Alexandria to Charles A. and Bessie A. (Roby) Allen, his marriage on Feb. 15, 1934 in Hartford City was to Helen I. Keller, who preceded him in death in December of 1997.

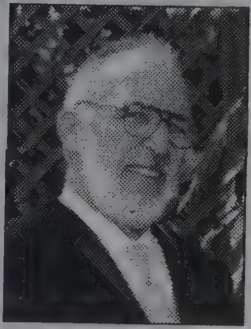
Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Charlotte) Stuff of Elkhart; a son, Eugene (Gene) Allen of Bluffton; five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Harry Allen and a sister, Ruth Settle.

Calling at the funeral home will be on Tuesday from 11 a.m. until time of services with Pastor Robert Schallhorn officiating. Burial will be in Stahl Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Greencroft Retirement Center in Goshen.

James Thomas "Tom" Zoll, 67

James Thomas "Tom" Zoll, 67, of St. George, S.C. died Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006 after a brief illness at a Charleston Hospital.


Tom Zoll

Mr. Zoll was born in Bluffton on Oct. 9, 1939, the son of Doris Bowman Zoll and the late Virgil Zoll. He was a retired electrician with the City of Bluffton, a truck driver with TNT Holland Hauling, in Dayton, Ohio, and served in the U.S. Navy.

He is survived by his wife Carol Sue W. Zoll, his son Tony Lee Zoll of Harleyville, S.C., his daughters Treva Lyn Zoll and Candy Sue Zoll both of Summerville, S.C., and his mother Doris Bowman Zoll of Bluffton. He is also survived by three brothers, Kenny Zoll of Greencastle, In., Tim Zoll of Decatur, and Kim Zoll of Bluffton, along with a sister Janet Thomas of Bluffton, along with four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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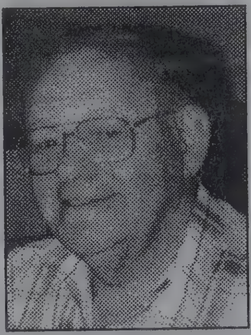
David E. Bargerhuff, 81

David E. Bargerhuff, 81, of Ossian, died Sunday, Oct. 15, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.



David Bargerhuff

Mr. Bargerhuff was a delivery man for Ossian Furniture for 14 years and was employed as a janitor at Hower Tool for five and one-half years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of the Ossian Masonic Lodge and Bluffton American Legion.

Born April 23, 1925 in Miami County to Grover and Gladys (Bennett) Bargerhuff, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Surviving are two sons, Kenneth D. Bargerhuff of Ossian and Dennis J. Bargerhuff of New Haven; a daughter, Mrs. Greg (Judy) Parker of Roanoke, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters and a daughter, Mary Beth Bargerhuff.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with burial following at 1:30 p.m. at Rankin Cemetery in Peru.

Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

Nellie E. Markley, 90

Nellie E. Markley, 90, of Bluffton died at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 13, 2006 at the Christian Care Center in Bluffton.

She had worked for 12 years as a nurses aide at Wells County Hospital and retired in 1979. She worked with her husband on their family farm, and enjoyed raising turkeys. She was a 1934 graduate of Lancaster High School and a former member of the First United Church of Christ.

She was born on August 29, 1916 in Pulaski County, the daughter of John and Pearl (Harpster) Herrick. She was married to Clarence "Fritz" Markley in Bluffton on Feb. 19, 1938. Mr. Markley preceded her in death on April 17, 2003.

She is survived by her two sons Ted B. Markley of Bloomington and James E. Markley, along with six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was the last surviving member of her family. Calling is Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Services are at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home with James Poling officiating. Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Christian Care Retirement Community.

Paul J. Rummel, 84

Paul J. Rummel, 84, a native of New Castle, died at 8:40 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006 at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Mr. Rummel worked at Delta Airlines in Georgia as a radio operator for more than 30 years, retiring in 1985. He was a veteran of World War II with the U.S. Army. He moved to Warren in August of 2000.

Born April 13, 1922 in New Castle to Ralph and Ethel (Juday) Rummel, his marriage on April 1, 1958 in Biloxi, Miss., was to the former Louisa M. Marianos, who preceded him in death on Nov. 9, 2001.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the United Methodist Memorial Home with calling one hour prior to services. Rev. Edwin Clark will officiate and burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery in Anderson. Arrangements are being handled by Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel of Warren.

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Marjorie Hughes Golbach, 93

Word has been received here of the death in September of former Bluffton resident Marjorie Hughes Golbach, 92. Mrs. Golbach died at the Brighton Retirement Home in Saucelido, Calif.

Born to Richard and Dessie Hughes, her marriage was to Richard Golbach, who preceded her in death.

She was the valedictorian of the P.A. Allen High School Class of 1932 and served as organist at the Bluffton Reformed Church for several years. She was a resident of Bluffton for 14 years.

Mrs. Golbach and her husband were former residents of Newport Beach, Calif.

John W. Retter, 78

John W. Retter, 78, of Dunkirk died on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2006 at his home after a sudden illness. He had retired in 1993 from Stewart Brothers Furniture Store in Dunkirk after 45 years of service. He was an avid photography buff and was also a skilled wood craftsman who enjoyed spending time in his workshop.

Mr. Retter was born in Muncie on July 18, 1928, the son of Roy and Marjorie (Stewart) Retter. He was married on June 25, 1950 to Lois J. James who preceded him in death on June 16, 2006. His deceased wife has many relatives in the Wells County area.

He is survived by a son, Greg A. Retter of Indianapolis, and a daughter Connie S. Whetsel of Dunkirk, along with two grandchildren.

Calling is on Wednesday at the Mt. Tabor U.M. Church in Dunkirk from 4 to 8 p.m., and one hour prior to services on Thursday. Services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the church with Rev. Lois Cannon officiating. Burial will follow in the Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Mt. Tabor U.M. Church.

Alice J. Yencer, 55

Alice J. Yencer, 55, of Jackson Township died on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006 after a short illness.

She worked at the Subway at Pak A Sak in Montpelier and previously at Peyton's Northern in Bluffton. She was a 1968 graduate of Montpelier High School and attended Chapel Grove Church in southern Wells County.

Alice Yencer

She was born on Dec. 14, 1950 in Wayne County, Ky., the daughter of Claude and Verda Lee (Smith) Edwards. She was married to Frank A. Yencer in Montpelier on Nov. 1, 1968.

She is survived by her husband Frank, two daughters Mrs. Howard (Melissa) Adams of Keystone, and Mrs. Lucas (Jennifer) Cox of Fort Wayne, and two sons, Chad Yencer of Poneto, and Steven Yencer of Liberty, Ind., along with her father Claude Edwards and her step-mother Maxine Edwards of Somerset, Ky.

She is also survived by three sisters, Doris Jones of Somerset, Ky., Joyce Cooper of Indianapolis, and Marilyn Sue Bradley of Montpelier, and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother Verda Lee Smith Edwards on May 27, 1972.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. on Thursday at the Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel in Montpelier. A service celebrating Alice's life is planned for Friday at 11 a.m. at the Montpelier First Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Rich Hadley officiating. Burial will follow in Jones Cemetery, Wells County.

Franklin R. Cole, 90

Franklin R. Cole, 90, of Garrett died on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor. He was a lifelong Garrett resident.

Mr. Cole was a Garrett police officer for 13 years and retired as a custodian at St. Joseph's Catholic School. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the Garrett Eagles, American Legion, and Knights of Columbus.

Franklin Cole

He was born on Oct. 28, 1915, the son of Albert and Nova (Biddle) Cole. He married Kathlyn Redmond on June 12, 1937, she preceded him in death on Sept. 8, 1991. He married Phyllis Foltz Custer on Aug. 22, 1992; she survives.

He is also survived by his sons James L. Cole of Bluffton, Joseph A. Cole of Garrett, and John A. Cole of Springborough, Ohio, and his daughter Mrs. Dean A. (Joanne) Betts of Corunna, Ind., and a step-son Jerry W. Custer of Garrett, along with 17 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Kathlyn and his brother Lowell "Tony" Cole.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church. A rosary service will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. A mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday at 12 noon at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett with Father Ted Uwakwe officiating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

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BLUFFTON WOMAN KILLED — Chastity McKnight, 32, of 1013 West Wabash St. died of injuries this morning when the porch roof of her residence collapsed on her after being struck by a falling tree. The large tree, partially visible at left, was being removed by workers of the Yoder Tree Service. The tree reportedly impacted the porch roof as it fell, collapsing the roof on the woman, who was standing on the porch, taking pictures of the tree removal. Police, fire and EMS personnel rushed to the scene in a driving rain storm and worked feverishly to attempt to remove the woman from the collapsed porch. The accident occurred at 8:16 a.m. today and remains under investigation by police officials. (Photo by Joe Smekens)

Bluffton woman dies after falling tree collapses porch roof

By JOE SMEKENS
& J.G. WALLACE

A Bluffton woman was killed in a tragic accident shortly after 8 a.m. this morning at 1013 West Wabash St..

According to Bluffton City Police, Chastity McKnight, 32, of that address, was pronounced dead at the scene from injuries sustained when a porch roof collapsed on her.

According to police reports, the woman was standing on the porch of her resident taking pictures while a large tree was being cut down on the property. Initial reports indicated that as the tree fell, it impacted the porch roof, causing it to collapse on the victim.

Police were first summoned to the scene when a call came in at 8:16 a.m. reporting that the roof had collapsed and a woman could be heard screaming. Wells County Coroner Douglas Cale was called to the scene at 8:39 a.m.

The residents of the home had reportedly contracted Yoder Tree Service to remove the large tree from the front lawn.

Responding to the scene were Bluffton police, fire and rescue units and later summoned was a wrecker from Loren's Towing Service to help remove the collapsed porch.

Police were continuing their investigation of the accident as the News-Banner went to press today.

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Patricia Micklitsch Booth, 68

A Bluffton native and former resident, Patricia Micklitsch Booth, 68, Wolfeboro, N.H., died October 17, 2006 at her home following a lengthy battle with breast cancer.

Patricia Booth

Born Nov. 16, 1937 to Joseph and Geneva Micklitsch, she was a 1955 graduate of Bluffton High School. After graduating from Ball State with a degree in elementary education, she taught school in Dearborn, Mich., where she met her husband of 47 years, David Booth; he survives.

The Booths lived in Pheonix, Ariz., Paris, France and Sudbury, Mass. prior to their retirement in Wolfeboro in 1990. She was an active volunteer with the Huggins Hospital Adult Day program, VNA Hospice, and Good Beginnings Mother. She was a past board member of the Wolfeboro Children's Center, was co-facilitator of the local breast cancer support group and also was a volunteer worker for the American Cancer Society. Mrs. Booth was a member of St. Kathryn Drexel Church, the Wolfeboro Garden Club, Ladies of the Lake Quilters and the Kingswood Golf Club.

Other survivors include four children, John Booth, Mechanicsburg, Pa., Joseph Booth of San Diego, Annie Merrill of Rye, N.Y., and Mary Meagher of Hampstead, N.H.; a brother, Max Micklitsch of Bethesda, Md.; sister, Mary Grove of Royal Palm Beach, Fl.; and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial mass will be held Saturday at St. Kathryn Drexel Church in Alton, N.H. Preferred memorials are to the VNA-Hospice or the Huggins Hospital Adult Day Program. Arrangements are being handled by the Baker-Cagne Funeral Home in Wolfeboro.

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Chasity McKnight, 31

Chasity D. McKnight, 31, Bluffton, died at 8:25 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006, as a result of an accident at her home.

Born in Muncie on Dec. 20, 1974 to Albert S. and Terrie Rutledge Overbey, she married Timothy McKnight on Feb. 6, 1993 in Marion; he survives.

Chasity McKnight

A homemaker, she was an active member of the Christian New Light Church in Bluffton where she taught Sunday school for many years. She was a leader of Girl Scout Troop 307 and volunteered for the United Way.

Other survivors include two children, both at home, Courtney Rose McKnight and Timothy Charles McKnight; her mother, Terrie Reynolds of Marion; her father; a sister, Kena Overbey of Marion; and her grandmother, Gladys Coats of Selma.

Calling hours are Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at the Christian New Light Church. The service will be officiated by her father-in-law, Pastor Tim McKnight.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

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Raymond Leroy McGee, 78

An Ossian High School graduate, Raymond Leroy McGee, 78, of Pendleton died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, at his residence following an extended illness.

Mr. McGee was retired as a financial analyst from Delco Remy Division of General Motors after 26 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran with service during the Korean conflict.

He was born on May 31, 1928, in Athens, Ind., and resided in the Anderson-Pendleton area since 1952. He was a graduate of Ossian High School and Indiana University.

He attended New Horizon United Methodist Church. He was a 50-year member and past master of fellowship of Masonic Lodge #681 F. & A.M., Mt. Moriah Eastern Star, Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis, Murat Temple Shrine and a 50-year member of the Chesterfield American Legion.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Avis E. (Kay) McGee; a son, Douglas Scott McGee of Pendleton; a daughter, Mrs. Rick (Kay) Replogle of Middletown; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Dennis Ray McGee; four sisters; and six brothers.

Services were held Friday morning, Oct. 20, at Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian.

Preferred memorials are to Pendleton Ambulance or St. Johns Critical Care. Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, South Chapel, Anderson, was in charge of the arrangements.

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Loren C. Decker, 96

Loren C. Decker, 96, Rockcreek Township, died at 12:10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006 at Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Loren Decker

Born in Wells County on Aug. 9, 1910 to George and Ada Miller Decker, he married Helen P. Lesh in Uniondale on Nov. 26, 1933; she died May 14, 2002.

Mr. Decker was a lifetime farmer in Rockcreek Township. He was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church where he took care of the grounds and cemetery for many years.

He is survived by a son, James E. Decker of Texas; three grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, with Rev. Otto Dorsch officiating. Calling hours are Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in the Emmanuel Cemetery in Rockcreek Township. Preferred memorials are to the church.

Helen McDonald, 86

Helen M. McDonald, 86, Bluffton, died at 2:29 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Born in Payne, Ohio on Dec. 25, 1919 to Kirt and Elva Reed Whitman, she married H.D. "Mack" McDonald on May 26, 1965 in Hazzard, Ky.; he survives.

Helen McDonald

She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of God.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. William (Kathy) Stotlar of Bluffton, Mrs. William (Peggy) Wise of Syracuse, and Mrs. Coleen Beltz of Fort Wayne; five sons, Gerald Myers, Fort Wayne, Carl Myers of Cecil, Ohio, Jack Gerber of Ohio, Robert Igney of Fort Wayne and John Igney of Columbia City; 25 grandchildren; and a number of great grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with Pastor Donald Marlowe officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery.

Joseph H. Williams, Jr., 53

Joseph H. Williams, Jr., 53, rural Bluffton, died at 5:40 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Born in Michigan City on Nov. 24, 1952 to Joseph H. and Velma G. Lundington Williams, he graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1972 and served in Vietnam in the 101st Airborne Div. of the U.S. Army. He was a security officer with Allen Protection Service in Fort Wayne.

Joseph Williams

Survivors include four daughters, Tammy Witherstine of Auburn, Lisa Marie Williams of Indianapolis, Laura E. Williams of Valparaiso, and Stephanie West of Churubusco; two step-daughters, Heather Noyes of Churubusco and Amanda Skinner of Fort Wayne a brother, John E. Williams of Bluffton; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with calling there from 1 to 3 p.m. prior to the service. Pastor Donald Marlowe will officiate. Burial will be in Grove Cemetery, Poneto. The American Legion Post 111 will be in charge of the graveside service. Preferred memorials are to the family.

Mona Jean Reed, 73

Mona Jean Reed, 73, Roanoke, died at 9:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006 at her residence.

Born in Huntington County on Dec. 26, 1932 to Clifford D. and Louella Prather Fox, she married Max J. Reed on Dec. 31, 1905; he survives.

Mona Jean Reed

A member of Union Church, she worked for Kmart Corp. for 25 years, retiring in 1992 from Troy, Mich. She was also a member of the American Legion Post 160 Auxiliary in Roanoke.

Other survivors include two sons, Zane Reed of Ossian and Jeffery Reed of Markle; a daughter, Cathy Bonewitz of Roanoke; three brothers, Jerry Fox, Henderson, Nev., Bob Fox, Hurst, Texas, and D. Fox of Warren; four grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Max Fox, and a sister, Mary Leedy.

Calling hours are Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, and for one hour prior to the service, which will be held at the funeral home at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Burial will be at the Union Cemetery in Huntington County. Preferred memorials are to the Heartland Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

May Rosella Jones, 87

May Rosella Jones, 87, Pennville, died Friday, October 20, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Born in Sharpsburg, Ohio on July 25, 1919 to Alva and Hazel Jones Jones, she was employed at the Torch Light Restaurant for several years and retired from Jay Garment after 23 years service. She was a member of the Union Chapel Nazarene Church and the Pennville Township Home Extension Club.

Survivors include a number of nieces and nephews in the area, including Marjorie Hickey of Bluffton.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Pennville Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home. Calling hours there are Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery in Fort Recovery, Ohio. Preferred memorials are to the church.

David G. Aldin, 33

Services were held today at St. Therese Catholic Church in Fort Wayne for David G. Aldin, 33, of Fort Wayne, who died in Bluffton on Friday, Oct. 20, 2006.

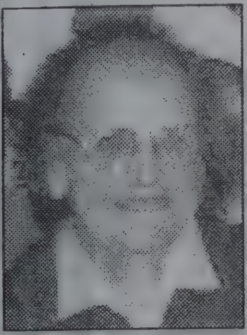
Born in Fort Wayne, he is survived by his mother, Mary Ann Aldin of Fort Wayne, a brother and a sister. He was preceded in death by his father, L. Gabriel Aldin. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Preferred memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Eunice E. Lewis, 88

Eunice E. Lewis, 88, of Bluffton died at 3:15 p.m. on Sunday, October 22, 2006 at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center. She had been in failing health for the past several years.

She was born on March 30, 1918 in Weiner, Ark., the daughter of Frank and Cora (Wilson) Weaver. She had been a resident of Wells County since 1950. She was married in January 1936 in Muncie to James R. "Red" Lewis, who preceded her in death on Feb. 7, 1977. She was a homemaker and a former member of the Moose and Eagle lodges.


Eunice Lewis

She is survived by children Delphur F. Lewis of Bluffton, Evelyn E. Foreman of Liberty Center, Emma L. Lewis of Bluffton, Dorrence W. Lewis of Bluffton, and Olive L. Simmons of Bluffton. She is also survived by her brother Francis Weaver, Jr. of Muncie, and her sister Pat Adkins of Fort Worth, Tex., along with 12 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, James E. Lewis.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services on Thursday. Services are set for 2 p.m. on Thursday, at the funeral home, with Pastor Douglas McClure officiating. Burial will follow in Six Mile Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Berniece E. Pyle, 89

Berniece E. Pyle, 89, of Muncie died on Friday, Oct. 20, 2006 at the Henry County Memorial Hospital in New Castle.

Born on Nov. 2, 1916 in Adams County, the daughter of Ezra and Elizabeth (Liechty) Habegger, she was married to Charles Pyle in Adams County on Feb. 14, 1940. Mr. Pyle preceded her in death on Jan. 16, 1992. She was retired from C.T.S. in Berne after 22 years of service. She was a former resident of Linn Grove, and had recently been a resident of Lynd House in Muncie.

Berniece Pyle

She attended Trinity United Methodist Church in Berne. She is survived by her daughter Mrs. Sheldon (Barbara) Dynes of New Castle, and her son John Pyle of Tillamook, Oreg., and her sister Mary Canady of Roseburg, Oreg., along with six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brothers Vincent, Max, and Lester Habegger.

Calling is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva. Services are set for 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home with Rev. Mark Berg officiating. Burial will follow in the M.R.E. Cemetery in Berne.

Robert L. Stocker, 65

Robert L. Stocker, 65, of Ridgeville, died on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006 at the Ryan RV Campgrounds in Albany, Ky. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge of Portland, VFW of Fort Recovery, and the Portland Moose Lodge. He was born on May, 23, 1941, the son of Harold B. and Ruth O. (Weaver) Stocker. He attended Madison Township High School.

He is survived by his mother Ruth O. Stocker of Portland, his sons Harold L. Stocker of Fort Recovery, Ohio, and Danny E. Stocker of Portland. He is also survived by his brothers Jack E. Stocker of Dunkirk, Ralph E. Stocker of Albany, and Fred A. Stocker of Centerville, Ga., and his sisters Barbara A. Meek of Portland, and Mrs. James (Janet) Beeson of Dunkirk. Also surviving are relatives in Wells County.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral home. Services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m., at the funeral home with Pastor Hugh Kelly officiating. Burial will follow at the Wells Cemetery northwest of Portland.

Arthur J. Glass, 77

Arthur J. Glass, 77, of Fort Wayne died on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006. Born in Wells County, he retired in 1991 from Phelps Dodge Magnet Wire after working there for 25 years as a supervisor in management. Previously he served as plant superintendent at Meadowgold Dairy.

Mr. Glass was a member of the North Park Community Church. He is survived by his wife Imogene Glass, a son Jerry Glass of Fort Wayne, and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter Tina L. Oncheck.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday. Services are set for Thursday at 2 p.m. at the North Park Community Church, with Pastor Scott Qualls officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens. Memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice.

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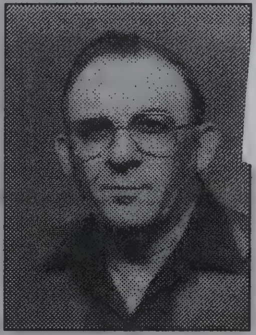
Ferris E. Daugherty, 82

The father of Mrs. Roland (Cindy) Felver and Mrs. Kirk (Kim) Heyde of Warren, Ferris E. Daugherty, 82, Amboy, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006 at Howard Regional Health System in Kokomo.

Born in Huntington County on Nov. 11, 1923 to Orville and Helen Kaeiger Daugherty, he worked at Fisher Body in Marion for 15 years and raced harness horses for 31 years in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois.


Ferris Daugherty

Other survivors include his wife, the former Delilah Omlor, of Amboy; five sons, Mike and Monte Daugherty of Anderson, Maurice of Pendleton, Greg of Marion and Brad of Huntington; two other daughters, Mrs. Chris (Melody) Merritt of Pendleton and Mrs. James (Melinda) Talbert of Middletown; two stepsons, Jim Mark of Jonesboro and Don Mark of Elwood; a brother, Bob Daugherty of Seattle, Wash.; 30 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren. Calling hours there are Wed. from 2 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington County.

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Ruth E. McBride, 81

A Bluffton native, Ruth E. McBride, 81, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. McBride was a homemaker and attended the Senior Citizens Center on a weekly basis. She was born in Bluffton.

Survivors include her children, Penny Marshall of Churubusco, Ronald McBride of Fort Wayne, Vickie Beach of Nashville, Ind., and Connie Miller of Ossian; sisters Barbara Dressler of New Haven and Kay Shoemaker of Avilla; brothers Alfred Huth Jr., Richard Huth and Ervin Huth, all of Wolcottville; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond McBride; two daughters, Carol A. Schueler and Sharon S. Bovie; and a brother, Dean Huth.

Calling is from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services are at 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association, National Kidney Foundation or the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

Audrey K. Nussbaum, 72

Audrey K. Nussbaum, 72, of Berne died at 11:21 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Nussbaum was a former employee of Neuenschwander Insurance and later was payroll officer at Berco Co. for 24 years.

Survivors include her husband, David W.; two daughters, Mrs. Dan (Nancy) Mock and Mrs. Chris (Michelle) Sealscott, both of Berne; a brother, Frederick Whitehurst of Berne; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at First Mennonite Church. Calling is from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church. Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery.

Delight E. Lee, 96

Delight E. Lee, 96, of Greencastle passed away at 6:02 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, 2006, at Putnam County Hospital, Greencastle.

Mrs. Lee was among the founding members of the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith and later attended Roll United Methodist Church in Roll.

Delight Lee

She was a member of the Aletheia Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in Montpelier and the Royal Blue Home Demonstration Club in Roll.

Born on Nov. 11, 1909, in Roll, she was a daughter of William B. Ely and Ora A. (Brotherton) Ely, and was a 1928 graduate of Roll High School. Her marriage on March 27, 1929, in Hartford City was to Paul Lee, who preceded her in death on May 1, 1988.

Survivors include a daughter, Jane L. Chew of Greencastle and several nieces and nephews.

Calling is from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Friday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier.

Services are at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Rev. Steve Landis officiating.

Burial will be in Asbury Cemetery in Wells County. Preferred memorials are to the donor's favorite charity.

THANK YOU

The McKnight family has suffered a great loss this week. 31 year old Chasity McKnight, wife, and mother of two young children, has went to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 19, 2006. Despite the pain and all the other feelings that accompany this tragedy, we have seen such an outpouring from the community that we must take a moment to thank everyone. There is support coming from all over and we can't tell you how much this means. Thank you for food items that people have donated and especially the prayers. We all understand that it will take a lot of time to heal, but not having to worry about the little things like, what's for dinner helps so much. Chasity was very important to her family, and we felt she was important to the community before her death. After her death the prayer and support the family has received through this tragic event has proved how important she was to all of us.

We would also like to personally thank Thoma-Rich Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home for their compassion throughout this whole event. We have never experienced anything like this before, and the way Jeff Lemler treated the whole family was a great comfort.

Please don't forget to lift up Mr. Yoder and his family in prayer. He is a good man with a great burden on his shoulders.

Thank You, The McKnight Family & Christian New Light Church

Larry R. Worthington, 46

Larry R. Worthington, 46, of Huntington died at 12:48 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006, at Hendricks County Hospital in Danville, Ind.

Mr. Worthington worked construction in the Huntington, Marion and Bluffton areas.

Born on Dec. 17, 1959, in Huntington, he was a son of LeRoy Worthington and Christine (Voght) Shenefield.

Survivors include a son, Tony Worthington of Bluffton; two daughters, Jessica Dunn of Decatur and Mrs. Josh (Malinda) Didion of Bluffton; his father, LeRoy Worthington of Lakeland, Fla.; his mother, Christina Shenefield of Huntington; a brother, Scott Worthington of Huntington; three sisters, Mrs. Jim (Bonnie) West of Huntington, and Mrs. Steve (Julia) Prible and Mrs. Jimmy (Tonya) Ragg, both of Bluffton; two stepbrothers, Billy Shenefield and Jan Shenefield, both of Huntington; two stepsisters, Gail Pressler of Huntington and Susie Sonnier of Louisiana; a companion, Tammy McDaniel of Huntington; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Tina Worthington Foster; a stepfather, Bill Shenefield; and a stepmother, Janet Worthington. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington.

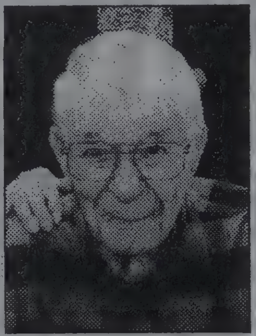
Services are at 10 a.m. Sunday at the funeral home with Rev. Elzie Spencer officiating. Preferred memorials, in lieu of flowers, are to the family.

Meredith P. Helms, 89

Meredith P. Helms, 89, of Warren died at 7:20 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006 at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

A lifelong farmer and county resident, Helms was a member of the Farm Bureau. He had served as a commissioner of Huntington County for 12 years. A veteran of the United States Army from 1942 to 1945, Helms earned the rank of Technician/4 and was a recipient of a Bronze Star. He enjoyed woodworking and playing board games. He was a member of the Liberty Center Baptist Church.

He was born in Huntington on Aug. 9, 1917, the son of Ernest and Vera (Manring) Helms. He was a 1935 graduate of Warren High School. He was married in Warren on March 3, 1941 to Maxine (Karrick) Helms, who survives.

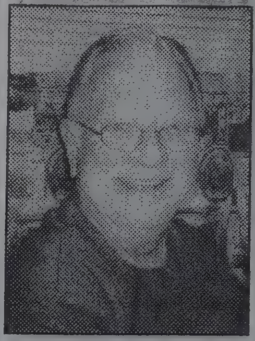

Meredith Helms

He is also survived by his sons Lee Helms and Neil Helms, both of Warren, and David Helms of Poneto, along with his brother Max Helms of Huntington and six grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brothers Paul and Vaughn Helms.

Calling will be on Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. and on Sunday from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown and Son Chapel. Services will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. at the Liberty Center Baptist Church with Pastor Dan Sommer officiating. Burial will be in Mossburg Cemetery, with military graveside honors by American Legion Post #111. Memorials may be made to the Tippecanoe Baptist Camp and Retreat.

Walter G. Schwehn, 81

Walter G. Schwehn, 81, of Ossian died Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.


Walter Schwehn

Mr. Schwehn worked in sales for Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. for 35 years, retiring in 1990. He was born in Philadelphia and was a U.S. Army veteran with service in Korea.

He was a member of Peace Lutheran Church and was a past president of Concordia Educational Foundation. He also served on the board of Lutheran Social Services.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria; daughters Mrs. Lee (Julia A.) Braselton of Ossian and Mrs. John (Jane E.) Wiehe of Fort Wayne; a son, C. John Schwehn of Fort Wayne; sisters Mary Hafner of Indian Trail, N.C., and Martha Clapp of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Calling is from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Winchester Road Chapel, Fort Wayne.

Services are at 2 p.m. Sunday at Peace Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens. Preferred memorials are to Peace Lutheran Church or Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ossian.

Dorothy J. Wood, 75

Dorothy J. Wood, 75, of Markle died at 5:40 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center. She was a cook at Markle Health Care for several years.

She was born on July 17, 1931 in Allen County, the daughter of Clarence and Cecelia Gibson Roebuck. She was a 1949 graduate of Lafayette Central High School and a member of the Markle United Methodist Church.

She was married on Aug. 11, 1951 to Billy A. Stephens who preceded her in death on Oct. 7, 1963. She later married Harold E. Wood on August 19, 1967. He passed away on Feb. 7, 1994.

Dorothy Wood

She is survived by two sons, Roger Stephens of Huntington and Bill Stephens of North Manchester, a daughter Mrs. Steve (Diane) Fisher of Temecula, Calif., a stepson Harold E. Wood II of Markle, a stepdaughter Mrs. Curt (Earlynn) Worster of Warren, a brother Glenn "Pap" Roebuck of Yoder, two sisters Mrs. Jack (Phyllis) Kreigh of Roanoke and Doris Dull of Fort Wayne, along with nine grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Harold, Dale and Don Roebuck, and three sisters Marjorie Roebuck, Virginia Mettert, and Evelyn Fisher.

Calling will be on Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Markle Chapel. Services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Kathie Jones officiating. Interment will be in the Markle Cemetery. Preferred Memorials to Markle United Methodist Church.

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Josephine M. Enochs, 83

Josephine M. Enochs, 83, of rural Pennville passed away at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at University Medical Center, Tucson, Ariz.

Josephine Enochs

Mrs. Enochs was a homemaker and had been a beautician in the rural Pennville area. She and her husband, Lester L. Enochs, who survives, had been winter residents of Tucson since 1975.

Calling is from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier. Services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Darren Williams officiating.

Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Muncie. Preferred memorials are to the Pleasantdale United Methodist Church, rural Montpelier.

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Larry Worthington

Survivors include a son, Tony Worthington of Bluffton; two daughters, Jessica Dunn of Decatur and Mrs. Josh (Malinda) Didion of Bluffton; his father, LeRoy Worthington of Lakeland, Fla.; his mother, Christina Shenefield of Huntington; a brother, Scott Worthington of Huntington; three sisters, Mrs. Jim (Bonnie) West of Huntington, and Mrs. Steve (Julia) Prible and Mrs. Jimmy (Tonya) Ragg, both of Bluffton; two stepbrothers, Billy Shenefield and Jan Shenefield, both of Huntington; two stepsisters, Gail Pressler of Huntington and Susie Sonnier of Louisiana; a companion, Tammy McDaniel of Huntington; and five grandchildren.

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Services are at 10 a.m. Sunday at the funeral home with Rev. Elzie Spencer officiating. Preferred memorials, in lieu of flowers, are to the family.

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Jeffrey W. Dawson, 42

A resident of rural Ossian, Jeffrey W. Dawson, 42, died in Muncie Friday, Oct. 27, 2006.

Jeffrey W. Dawson

Born Dec. 27, 1953, to Carl and Donna Zent Dawson, he was a carpenter for the MBA Co. in Fort Wayne and an artist. He also had been a member of the United States Army.

Survivors include his mother; two sons, Tyler Carreau of California and Jeffrey W. Dawson of Montpelier; a daughter, Dawsie Mae Dawson, Montpelier; three sisters, Mrs. Chuck (Tami) Blevins of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Mark (Julie) Prible of Bluffton and Mrs. Jason (Dawn) McGrew of Ossian.

Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday will be at Goodwin Memorial Chapel under the direction of Pastor Wayne Gullion. Burial will follow in Oaklawn Cemetery, Ossian.

Calling at the funeral home will be Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

Patricia A. Kaehr, 52

Patricia A. Kaehr, 52, of Bluffton died at her residence at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2006. She was born in Wells County on June 17, 1954, the daughter of Kelly Kaehr and Irene Adams. She was a 1972 graduate of Norwell High School. She worked at Lincoln Life Insurance in Fort Wayne from 1971 until she retired in 1995.

She is survived by her brothers Richard Kaehr of Uniondale and Robert Kaehr of Bluffton. Services are set for 3 p.m. on Monday at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel with Steve Ringger officiating. Burial will be in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Cancer Society or to the Christian Care Center.

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Arianna Angel Bowers

Arianna Angel Bowers, infant stillborn daughter of Tiffany L. Bowers and Logan R. Hontz, passed away Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Surviving in addition to the parents are the maternal grandmother, Theresa L. Bowers of Columbia City; maternal grandfather Bob Bowers of Fort Wayne and paternal grandparents Kirtis and Laura Hontz of Churubusco. Also surviving are several aunts and uncles in Wells County.

Also surviving are great grandparents Bob and Renda Neff, Don and Sandy Ornsby, Sharon Julian and Don Bowers and great great grandmother Rella Winchester.

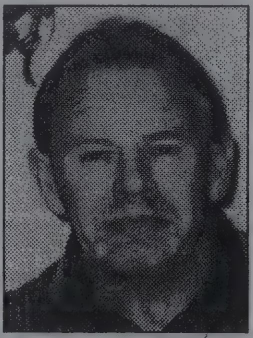
Calling will be held Monday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with services set for 1 p.m. Committal service will be at Greenlawn Babyland cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

John David Shaw, 55

A railroad signalman with Norfolk Southern Railroad for 15 years, John David Shaw, 55, Bluffton, died at 12:39 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born July 20, 1951 to Robert and Mary Wenger Shaw, he was a 1969 graduate of Bluffton High School and was a member of My Father's House.


John David Shaw

Survivors include a son, Toby Shaw, of Bluffton; two daughters, Mrs. Travis (Amy) Liddy of Ossian, and Heather June of Michigan; a brother, Richard Dean Shaw of Rockford and four grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents, a brother, Robert Shaw and a sister, Carol Otis.

There will be no services.

Calling at Goodwin Memorial Chapel will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Martha D. Kiser, 56

Martha D. Kiser, 56, of Bluffton died at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 29, 2006 at her residence.

She had worked as a cashier at Little Richard Restaurant, at South Main Pizza, and was an attendant at the B.P. gas station in Ossian. She attended Life Center Church in Bluffton.

Martha Kiser

She was born in Owenton, Ky., on August 27, 1950, a daughter of Marvin and Dorothy (Henderson) Lewis. She was a graduate of the Bluffton High School class of 1968. She was married in Huntington on June 11, 1977 to Raymond C. Kiser, who preceded her in death on June 19, 2000.

She is survived by her father Marvin Lewis, her sons Jeff Richardson of Bluffton, and Jimmy Richardson of Oxford, Ohio, her daughter Jodi Davis of Bluffton, and her stepsons Jeff Kiser of Bluffton and Tim Kiser of Fort Wayne, along with her brother Doug Lewis of Bluffton, and 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Calling is on Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Services are set for Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home, with Cy Staller officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Preferred memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Brenda Moore, 55

Brenda Moore, 55, of Fort Wayne died on Friday, Oct. 27, 2006. She had been a cashier at Lassus Brothers in New Haven for 11 years. She was born in Fort Wayne on Dec. 20, 1950, a daughter of Dale Sawvel of Fort Wayne and Luella Wilson of Ossian.

Brenda Moore

She is survived by her parents, her husband Donald L. Moore, a daughter Jodi L. Hillman of Fort Wayne, her sons Jeff W. Mitchell of Roanoke, and Darin L. Mitchell of Fishers. She is also survived by her sisters Linda Meyer of Wapakoneta, Ohio, Judy Parker of Roanoke, and Jennie Turner of Ossian, and her brothers Kenny Bargerhuff of Ossian, and Denny Bargerhuff of New Haven, and four grandchildren.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals in Fort Wayne. Services are set for 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral ome with Rev. Jerry Weisner officiating. Burial will be in the Vhite City Cemetery in Spencerville.

Randy S. Huffar, 48

Randy S. Huffar, 48, of Poneto died at his residence at 4:55 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006. He had worked as a millwright and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Mr. Huffar was a member of American Legion Post 111, and had attended Southern Wells Community Church.

Randy Huffar

He was born in Hazelcrest, Ill., on August 23, 1958, the son of Robert and Peggy Campbell. He was married in Decatur on Nov. 20, 1992 to Diana Okeley, who survives.

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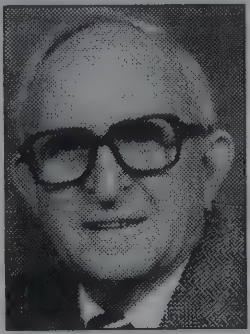
A memorial service will be held on Friday, Nov. 3, 2006 at Grace Baptist Church in Bluffton, with Pastor Steve Criffield officiating. Preferred memorials may be made to the family.

Lloyd G. Bault, 83

Lloyd G. Bault, 83, of Warren died at 10:45 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 27, 2006 at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.


Lloyd Bault

Mr. Bault retired in 1962 as a Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force, with 22 years of service. He was a hotel engineer at the Vale Hotel in Boulder City, Colo. He was a veteran of World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War. He had lived in Las Vegas for 20 years before moving to Warren in 1999.

He was born on April 13, 1923 in Campbellsville, Ky., and was married on Feb. 28, 1943 in Hagerstown, In., to Jean E. Keesling, who preceded him in death on Feb. 26, 2005.

He is survived by his sisters Caroline Davis of Louisville, Ky., Marie McKee of Manhattan, Kan., and his sister-in-law Mary C. Keesling of Warren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and six sisters.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, at the Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery in Anderson, with Pastor Herbert Edwards officiating.

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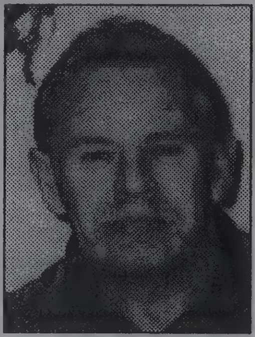

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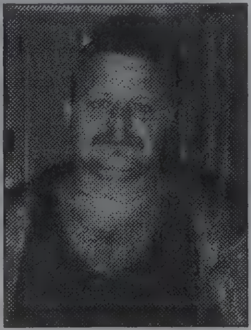

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Rolland C. Dahl, 84

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Mr. Dahl worked for GTE, retiring after 25 years. He also worked for the U.S. Government in the Civil Service for the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1969. He was a U.S. Army veteran, with service during World War II in the Pacific Theater, earning two Bronze Stars.

Born on Dec. 27, 1921, in Valley City, N.D., he was a son of August and Minnie (Wendt) Dahl. His marriage on June 24, 1950, in Valley City was to Lorrayne R. Edland, who preceded him in death on Feb. 24, 2003.

Survivors, in addition to the son in Bluffton, include a daughter, Mrs. Kim (Julie) Kellett of Orland; two other sons, Jim and Paul Dahl, both of Angola; a sister, Mildred Oien of Buena Park, Calif.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Doris Moslett; and three brothers, Julian, Marvin and Ronald Dahl.

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Harold L. Grimm, 79

Harold L. Grimm, 79, died at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006, at his rural Poneto residence. He had been in failing health the past six months.

Mr. Grimm was a self-employed dairy farmer. He served on the board of directors of the Wells County Farm Bureau, the Milk Marketing Board, Milk Promotion Service of Indiana and the Hoosier Milk Marketing Service.

Harold Grimm

He attended Southern Wells Community Church. He had been a member of the Chester Township Advisory Board for many years, and also served many years on the board of trustees at Keystone United Methodist Church.

Born on Oct. 4, 1927, in Wells County, he was a son of Harold C. and Dorothy (Ruse) Grimm, and graduated in 1946 from Petroleum High School. His marriage on Sept. 23, 1946, in Geneva was to Lola Strahm, who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Linda) Harris of Poneto and Mrs. Richard (Pam) Schortgen of Ossian; two sons, Timothy H. Grimm of Berne and Mark A. Grimm of Keystone; a sister, Mrs. Paul (Mary Jane) Frauhiger of Poneto; a brother, Robert Grimm of Poneto; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rodney Grimm; and two brothers, Roger Grimm and Gerald Grimm.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Steve Criffield officiating. There also is calling one hour prior to services Friday.

Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Southern Wells Community Church or Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Dixie Dentel Bowman, 64

Dixie Dentel Bowman, 64, of Fort Wayne died on Monday, Oct. 30, 2006 at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Bluffton, and had been an elementary school teacher at Maplewood Elementary School in Fort Wayne, and later ran Bowman Aviation at Smith Field along with her husband, Louis. Most recently she was a bookkeeper for Home Appliance and Leasing. She was a graduate of Bluffton High School and received her B.S. and M.S. degrees from Ball State University. She was a member of the Faith United Church of Christ.

Dixie Bowman

She is survived by her father Richard Dentel of Bluffton, her brothers Paul Dentel of Franklin Park, N.J., and David Dentel of Mobile, Ala., her sisters Susan Craig of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Kevin (Marsha) Anderson of Bradenton, Fl., She was preceded in death by her husband Louis Bowman, and her mother Ruth Dentel.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. on Thursday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services on Friday. Services are set for 11 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Norman Conklin officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

Nolan Ryan Osborn, infant

The infant son of Matt Osborn of Huntington and Rebecca Williams of Warren, Nolan Ryan Osborn passed away at 9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, 2006, at Home Hospital in Lafayette, where he was born that day.

Other survivors include maternal grandparents James and Michelle Williams of Warren; paternal grandparents Dale and Jen Osborn of Huntington and Terry and Lisa Sutton of Bowling Green, Ky.; maternal great-grandparents Jerry and Janice Williams and Eloise Evans, all of Warren; and paternal great-grandparents Clyde Elsten of Huntington, Thelma Fuller of Fort Wayne, Rex and Nancy Thrift of Huntington and Max and Janet Denney of Houston.

Private family services will be held with Pastor Troy Mower officiating. There is no calling. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren.

Preferred memorials are to Markle Church of Christ. Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren, is in charge of the arrangements.

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Melinda A. Hilty, 80

Melinda A. Hilty, 80, of Monroe died at 6:25 p.m. Wednes-
y, Nov. 1, 2006 at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur. She s a lifelong resident of Adams County and was a member of Old Order Amish.

She was born in Adams County on July 7, 1926, a daughter of seph and Anna L. (Schwartz) Hilty. She is survived by several ces and nephews, along with her sisters Mrs. Enos (Maryann) rod of Monroe, Mrs. Amanda Shetler of Berne, Mrs Lovina etler of Monroe, and her brother Elmer Hilty of Monroe. She s preceded in death by her siblings Anna, Lydia, Barbara, nma, Andrew and Joseph.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Thursday and from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. the residence of Sam and Laura Hilty, at 363 East 350 South Adams County. Services are set for 9 a.m. Friday at the Hilty sidence with Bishop Jacob K. Hilty officiating. Burial will llow in Schwartz Cemetery in Adams County.

Richard H. Pulley, 81

A Warren native, Richard H. Pulley, 81, of Indianapolis died at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006, at Community North Hospital, Indianapolis.

Mr. Pulley worked at Marsh & McLennan in Indianapolis for 39 years, retiring in 1988. He was an Indiana University graduate and was a member of King Masonic Lodge #246 F&AM and Epworth United Methodist Church, Indianapolis. He was a veteran with service during World War II.

Born on May 11, 1925, in Warren, he was a son of Ovid A. Pulley and Nellie Mae (Hoover) Pulley, and he grew up in the Warren area. His marriage on Aug. 3, 1952, in Upper Montclair, N.J., was to Mary Ann (DePoy) Pulley, who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Jim (Cathy) Imel and Mary Pulley, both of Indianapolis; a sister, Jane Bloom of Bloomington; a brother, Robert A. Pulley of Pinehurst, N.C.; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services are at 1 p.m. Friday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren with Rev. Howard Cress officiating. There is no calling. Preferred memorials are to Indiana University-Varsity Football. Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren, is in charge of the arrangements.

Lois Justine Smith, 80

Lois Justine Smith, 80, of Greencastle died on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2006 at her residence. She was born in Bluffton on Nov. 15, 1926, the daughter of Jesse LeRoy and Verga Pauline Smeltzer Elzey. She was a graduate of P.A. Allen High School in Bluffton and was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Bluffton. She had resided in Greencastle for the past 52 years.

She is survived by her husband James M. Smith whom she married on Sept. 1, 1946, along with two daughters Mrs. James (Sandra Kay) Mackintosh of Noblesville, and Mrs. Gary (Cynthia Sue) Deem of Danville, Ill., along with one sister Mrs. Robert (Phyllis) Foster of Fort Wayne and one brother Lowell Elzey of Bluffton, along with three grandchildren, five great grandchildren, six step grandchildren, five step great grandchildren, and six step great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death her sister Marciele Adams and her grandson James Wayne Wood.

Calling will be on Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of services at the Bittles and Hurt Funeral Home in Greencastle. Services are set for 1 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home with Rev. Verl Winslow officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Dorothy Herman Neuenschwander, 88

Dorothy Herman Neuenschwander, 88, of Carmel died on Nov. 2, 2006. She was born in Wells County on Feb. 14, 1918 to Orson and Pearl Herman.

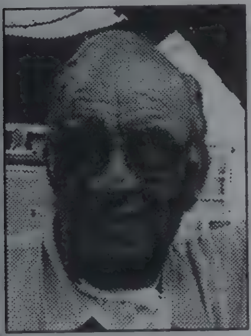
She is survived by her husband of 60 years Charles Neuenschwander, her son Jim Neuenschwander of Williamsburg, Ohio, and her daughter Diane Smith of Carmel, along with three grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, November 11 at 1 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church located at 6600 Trier Road, Fort Wayne. The family will receive guests at the church from noon until the time of services. Arrangements by Alpha Funeral Service, Indianapolis.

Jerry A. Kershner, 65

Montpelier resident Jerry Kershner, 65, died at his residence at 7:40 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, 2006.

Born in Blackford County July 31, 1941, to Hershel and Opal Marie Norton Kershner, he married the former Lavina Elliott in Reingold, Ga., May 4, 1963. She survives.


Jerry Kershner

He worked at Sheller Globe Corp. and the Montpelier Lumber Yard and belonged to the Blackford County EMS. He was a member of the Montpelier Lions Club and Jaycees. A former Montpelier Police Department reserve officer and Blackford County Sheriff's Department reserve deputy, he had attended the First Church of the Nazarene in Montpelier. He served in the United States Marine Corp. from Jan. 12 1960 to May 6, 1960 and was a 1959 graduate of Montpelier High School.

In addition to his wife, survivors include a son, Steven T. Kershner of Montpelier; two daughters, Mrs. Lee (Christina Louise) Shuman of Bluffton and Mrs. Lewis (DeAnna Marie) West of Montpelier; two brothers, Stephen Kershner of Cartersville, Ga., and Thomas Kershner, of Ninevah; two sisters, Sharon L. Gelatt of Elkhart and Cathy E. Craig of Brazil, Ind.; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one grandchild.

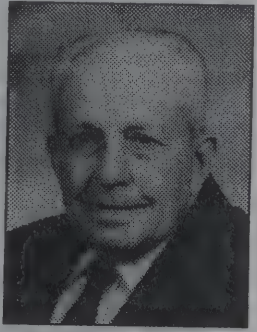
Services at 2 p.m. Thursday will be under the direction of Rev. Frank Criswell at Glancy Funeral Homes, Walker Chapel, Montpelier. Burial will follow at Brookside Memorial Park, Montpelier. Military graveside rites will be performed by the Millard-Brown Post of the American Legion, Montpelier.

Calling hours will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Charles E. Miller, 95

Charles E. Miller, 95, of Markle died at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Miller was a lifelong self-employed farmer in Wells and Huntington Counties. He was a member of Markle Church of Christ, where he was a former deacon and trustee.


Charles Miller

Born on May 25, 1911, in Huntington County, he was a son of Lewis and Edith (Shriner) Miller. His marriage on March 7, 1937, in Wells County was to Marjorie Walters, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Jim (Charlene) Van Orsdol of Whitefish Bay, Wis.; a brother, Pearl Miller of Bluffton; and three stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Zelma Forrest; and two brothers, Kenneth Miller and Clyde "Barney" Miller.

Calling is from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Markle Church of Christ with Gerald O. Moreland officiating. There also will be visitation an hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Interment will be in Markle Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Markle Church of Christ or the American Heart Associa-

David Ned Bailey, 42

David Ned Bailey, 42, of Van Buren died at 9:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 6, 2006 at Marion General Hospital. He had worked for American Woodmark in Gas City for the past seven years. He was born in Huntington on Feb. 5, 1964, a son of the late Ned Bailey and Betty L. Bailey who survives. He was a graduate of Huntington North High School, the class of 1983.

He is survived by his mother, his brother Richard Bailey of Warren, his sisters Janet Walters of Warren and Mrs. Bernard (Sandy) Anderson of Terre Haute and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Ned and his sister Susan Bailey.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2006 at the Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren. Private graveside services will be held at the Mount Etna Cemetery with Darrell Smith officiating. Memorials may be made to the Grant County Humane Society or to the American Heart Association.

Wilma E. Mullen, 82

Wilma E. Mullen, 82, of Geneva died at 11:55 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006 at Chalet Village Health Care Center in Berne.

Mrs. Mullen was formerly of Winchester, and she had worked at Briggs Hardware in Geneva and C.T.S. in Berne. She was born in Portland on July 12, 1924, a daughter of Albert and Eva (LaFolette) Gillett. She was a graduate of Portland High School.

Calling will be on Friday from 3 - 7 p.m. at the Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva. Services will follow on Friday at 7 p.m. with Pastor Max Haines officiating. Cremation will follow service with burial in Fountain Park Cemetery in Winchester, In. Preferred memorials to Adams County Heart Association.

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Obbie V. Wann, 93

Obbie V. Wann, 93, of Cambridge City died on Monday, Nov. 6, 2006 at Heritage House Nursing Home in Richmond.

She was born in Bluffton on August 27, 1913, a daughter of Edward and Della Gerwig Rudy. She was a graduate of P.A. Allen High School and was a member of First United Methodist Church of Cambridge City where served for many years as secretary-treasurer and on the board of trustees.

Obbie Wann

She is survived by her daughter Mrs. Cecil (Ramona) Penland of Milton, a son Richard Houseworth of Centerville, a step-son Bill Wann of Alberta, Ala., a step-daughter Mrs. Mike (Jeanann) Bragg of Masillon, Ohio., and nine grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Marshall Houseworth in 1951, her second husband Dr. R.S. Wann in 1992, her sister Audrey Brown, and her brother Earl Rudy.

Calling is from 5-7 p.m. on Friday at the Waskom Capitol Hill Chapel in Cambridge City, and services are on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Curtis Bond officiating. Burial will follow in Earlham Cemetery in Richmond. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Cambridge City.

Kennis M. 'Kenny' Burger, 86

Kennis M. "Kenny" Burger, 86, died at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at his rural Yoder residence.

Mr. Burger was a lifelong farmer in Wells County and also loaded trucks for Kenosha Auto Transport, retiring in 1981 after 25 years of service.

Kenny Burger

Born on Aug. 19, 1920, in Antwerp, Ohio, he was a son of Martin J. Burger and L. Irene Troop. His marriage on June 12, 1941, in Yoder was to Le Etta M. Johnson, who survives.

Other survivors include a brother, Noel R. Burger of Deland, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister and two brothers.

Calling is from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian.

Services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Rev. Lloyd Harlan and Rev. Larry Taylor officiating.

Interment will be in Hoverstock Cemetery, Zanesville. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana and Bear Lake Church Camp at Columbia City.

Delores Ann Thompson, 70

Delores Ann (Wilson) Thompson, 70, of Warren died at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006 at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Mrs. Thompson lived in the Warren area since 1957. She spent her winters in Palatka, Fla. She had worked at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren for 35 years as a nurses aide in the physical therapy department and also at the eye clinic . She retired in 1999. She also served as Steward of the Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene in Warren for many years, where she also taught Sunday school and sang in the choir. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, traveling, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Delores Thompson

She was born in Carter County, Ky., on Feb. 6, 1936, a daughter of Robert and Norma (Roe) Wilson. She was married in Olive Hill, Ky. on Aug. 8, 1957 to Albert H. Thompson, who preceded her in death on February 4, 2003.

She is survived by her daughter Mrs. Lynn (Penny) Campbell of Warren, her sisters Lena Musselman of Poneto, Mrs. Robert (Barbara Trent) Graves of Columbus, Oh., Mrs. Jack (Carolyn) Bachner of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Kenny (Teresa) Binion of Olive Hill, Ky., and her brothers Carl Wilson of Tipp City, Ohio, Michael Wilson of Winchester, Ky., Kenny Wilson of Springfield, Ohio, and Robert G. Wilson of Olive Hill, Ky., along with 5 grandchildren.

Calling is today from 2-7 p.m. at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren. Services are set for Saturday at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Memorial Home with the Rev. Clyde Gunn officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Arrangements are by the Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren. Memorials may be made to the Hillcrest Church of the Nazerene or to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

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Robert E. King, 66

Robert E. King, 66, of Bluffton passed away at 12:15 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at Markle Health Care. He had been in failing health the past three years.

Mr. King worked several years at Hulcher Emergency. He was a lifelong resident of Wells County.

Born on March 29, 1940, in Bluffton, he was a son of Gerald and Louise (Bennett) King. His marriage on April 2, 1960, in Bluffton was to Sharon Closson, who preceded him in death on Oct. 18, 2004.

Survivors include children Gerald King of Geneva and Richard King, Prentice King, Todd King and Robert King, all of Bluffton; siblings Gerald King, Richard King and Diane Grover, all of Bluffton, James King of Uniondale, Kenny King of Liberty Center and Linda Crews of Amity, Ark.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Fred King; and a sister, Beck King.

There is no calling or services. Preferred memorials are to the family. Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Barbara S. Pittenger, 85

A resident of Bluffton, Barbara S. Pittenger, 85, died at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital.

She was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa to Forester and Ada Whitney Stanley on Aug 14, 1921.

Barbara Pittenger

A homemaker, craftsperson and dietician, she was a Bluffton Garden Club member, a Book Club member and a member of the Religious Society of Friends.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Ronald (Natalie) Milholland of Bluffton, and Mrs. Stuart (Pamela) Pittenger-Shils of Philadelphia, Pa.; two sons, Nicholas Pittenger, Priorlake, Minn. and Benjamin Pittenger, Maui, Hawaii; four grand children, one step-grandchild and one step-great grandchild.

Private graveside services will be at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Calling from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday will be at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Memorials may be made to the Bluffton Garden Club or the American Friends Service Committee.

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Carolyn "Jean" McAfee, 46

A resident of Meadowvale Health & Rehabilitation Center in Bluffton, Carolyn "Jean" McAfee, 46, died at 7 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, 2006, from complications following a stroke.

Born Sept. 13, 1960, in Bluffton to Weldon Gale and Lucille Hawk Collier, she was a former nurse's aid at Ossian Health Care.

Jean McAfee

Survivors include a daughter, Chyanna McAfee, of Bluffton; a brother, Bill Collier of Pennville; sisters Patricia Wade of Poneto and Joyce Eisenhut and Gail Brickley, both of Bluffton; an aunt, Edith Dougherty, Bluffton; and an uncle, Jerry Collier, Sidney, Ohio. She is also survived by her ex-husband, Greg McAfee of Bluffton.

Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday will be at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with calling at the funeral home from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to services Tuesday.

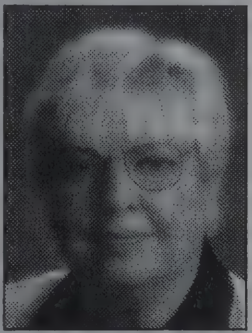
Burial will be at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Wells County Christmas Bureau.

Marcia E. Snell, 54

Mother of Mrs. Brad (Abigail) Schoeff of Bluffton, Marcia E. Snell, 54, died at her residence in Marion Friday, Nov. 10, 2006, at 4:20 a.m.

Born in Marion to Robert and Josephine Bogus Hunt, she was married to David F. Snell. Her mother and husband both survive.



Marcia Snell

A 1970 graduate of Marion High School, she attended Indiana University. She was employed as Director of Social Services at Bradner Village Health Care Center where she worked for 18 years and was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Marion.

Additional survivors include daughters Megan Jeffries of Indianapolis, Amy Snell of Ontario, Canada, and Katie Cordell of Marion; brothers Thomas Hunt of Marion and James Hunt of Macomb Twp., Mich.; and three grandchildren.

Services Saturday, Nov. 18, will be at St. Paul Catholic Church. There will be no visitation.

Revs. Richard Weisenberger and Dan Gartland will officiate.

Memorials may be made to Cancer Services of Grant County, IU Cancer Center or St. Paul Catholic Church

Arrangements are in charge of Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion.

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Clara Mae Fausz, 79

Clara Mae Fausz, 79, of rural Markle passed away last week at her home. Mrs. Fausz was a homemaker. She was a 1945 graduate of East Union High School in Wells County. She had attended Fort Wayne Beauty College and was a member of the Markle United Methodist Church.

Clara Mae Fausz

She was born in Grant County on Oct. 6, 1927, a daughter of Howard and Bethina Pence Douglass. She was united in marriage to William D. Fausz on Dec. 28, 1947 at the Markle United Methodist Church. Mr. Fausz preceded her in death on Dec. 12, 2004.

She is survived by two sons, Gary L. Fausz and Terry L. Fausz both of Markle, a daughter Mrs. Dale (Sherry) Jones of Oxford, Ind., a brother Rex Douglass of Markle, and six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Calling is from 3-8 p.m. on Monday at the Myers Funeral Home Markle Chapel, and one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday. Services are set for 11 a.m. at the Markle United Methodist Church, with Pastor Kaye Patton officiating. Interment will take place in the Markle Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Markle United Methodist Church.

William W. "Bill" Weikel, 76

William W. "Bill" Weikel, 76, of rural Geneva died at 5:31 p.m. on Saturday evening, Nov. 11, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. He was retired from International Harvester.

He was born in Wells County on Jan. 15, 1930, a son of Charles and Velma (Flum) Weikel.

He is survived by his children Steven B. Weikel of San Francisco, Calif., Mrs. Mike (Constance) Poole of Toccoa, Ga., Kelly Weikel of Linn Grove, and Sandra Ann Hill of Geneva. He is also survived by his brother James Weikel of New Haven, along with 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne, and one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the funeral home. A memorial service is planned for 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Keith Rupp officiating. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

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Mickey J. Allen, 61

Mickey J. Allen, 61, of Ossian died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Allen was self-employed in her home as a hairdresser for 41 years. She was a member of the Indiana Hairdressers Association and of Ossian First Presbyterian Church.

Mickey Allen

Born on March 8, 1945, in Wells County, she was a daughter of William E. Hower and Helen (Donaghy) Hower. Her mother survives and resides at River Terrace Estates, Bluffton.

Her marriage on Sept. 23, 1963, at Ossian First Presbyterian Church was to Thomas L. Allen, who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Craig (Sherri L.) Stoller of Warsaw and Mrs. Tony (Angela J.) Chaney of Bluffton; a son, Michael T. Allen of Ossian; a sister, Sally Miller of Morgantown, Ky.; and 12 grandchildren.

Visitation is from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Ossian First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Rik Spencer officiating. There also is calling one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian. Preferred memorials are to the Norwell High School band, the Norwell High School Athletic Department or Ossian First Presbyterian Church.

Faye Johnson, 66

A former teacher's assistant at Ossian Elementary School, Faye Johnson, 66, of Ossian died Monday, Nov. 13, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital.

Born April 8, 1940 in Kentucky to Benton and Stella Roberts Conley, her marriage on July 3, 1960 in Lewisville was to Larry L. Johnson, who preceded her in death on Nov. 1, 1996.

Faye Johnson

Mrs. Johnson was a teacher's assistant at Ossian Elementary School from 1983 to 1995. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Ossian.

Surviving are two sons, David Johnson of Bluffton and Jeff Johnson of Ossian. Also surviving are a brother, Mendon Conley of New Castle, two sisters, Barbara Golay of Lewisville and Betty Stevens of Spiceland and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church in Ossian with Rev. Rik Spencer and Dr. Gene Bell officiating. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian.

Calling is Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m. at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian and for one hour at the church prior to services.

Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, First Presbyterian Church of Ossian or the Indiana chapter of Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

"Jerry" Elmer Hier, 78

The husband of former Bluffton resident Kathy (Hankins) Hier, "Jerry" Elmer Hier, 78, of Indianapolis died Monday, Nov. 13, 2006.

He was a retired regional vice president of Pacesetter Corporation. He also had previously worked for Unique Window and Door. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the Masonic Lodge and Murat Shrine.

In addition to the wife, he is survived by his children: Sharon Wilkerson, Helen Bragg, Sally Guterriz, Richard Davidson, Gene Davidson, Connie Holley, Amonica Quirk, Teri Jo Hier, Theresa Burchfield, Vicki Carter, Greg Hier and Denese McMannis.

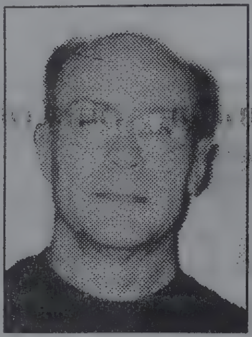
Also surviving are three stepchildren, Nicole Jackson, Leslie Avery and Sara Moore; 30 grandchildren, and 18 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sue Whitt.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Friday at Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center, Speedway. Calling will be from 2 p.m. until time of service.

Memorials may be made to the American Stroke Association.

Vaughn D. Reinhart, 55

Vaughn D. Reinhart, 55, of Monroe died in his residence at 5:28 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, after a long battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's Disease.


Vaughn Reinhart

Mr. Reinhart had been employed at Bendix for 2 1/2 years before he retired in 2005, and previously he had worked at General Electric in Decatur for 19 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in Vietnam in 1972, and served in the Air Force in Iraq in August of 2004.

He was a member of the Monroe United Brethren Church where he served on the administrative board and as a lay delegate. He was a 1970 graduate of Adams Central High School and had attended Fort Wayne Business College. He was an adult leader in the Boy Scouts of America Troop #72 in Monroe and was a member of the Blue Creek Township Conservation Club in Pleasant Mills.

He was born in Bluffton on Nov. 23, 1950, a son of Richard W. and Phyllis J. (Barger) Reinhart. He was married on Oct. 13, 1979 in Fort Wayne to Gayla M. Key, who survives.

He is also survived by his sons Jeremy S. Reinhart and Stephen P. Reinhart both of Monroe, and by his sisters Mrs. Doug (Carol) Gaskill of Van Wert, Ohio, and Mrs. Randy (Patti) Johnston of Monroeville.

Calling is from 1-4 and 5-8 p.m. on Thursday at the Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur, and one hour prior to services at the church on Friday. Services are set for 10 a.m. on Friday at the Cornerstone Church in Decatur, with Rev. Troy Green officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to B.S.A. Troop #72 or the American Legion.

Robert W. Shumaker, 63

Markle resident Robert W. Shumaker, 63, died at 3:13 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born Sept. 16, 1943 in Fort Wayne, to Robert and Minnie Bradberry Shumaker, he married the former Sharon Jones Gray on August 17, 2000 in Huntington. His wife and his parents survive.

He worked as a millwright for Belding Walbridge in Kokomo for 20 years, retiring in September of 2006. He was a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 1029. He was the founder and president of the Crazy Horse Mustang Club of Markle and the regional director of the Mustang Club of America.

Additional survivors include a son Randall Shumaker of Tollhouse, Calif.; two daughters, Lauri Werling of Ossian and Amanda Jones of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters, Jennifer Bragg of Winder, Ga., Kim Roberts of Markle and Amanda Gray of Indianapolis; a sister, Susan Chaney of Fort Wayne, and eight grandchildren.

Services at 10 a.m. Friday under the direction of Gerald O. Moreland will be at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel. Interment will be at Spider Hill Cemetery in Wells County.

Calling from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday will be at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Markle Fish & Game Club Park.

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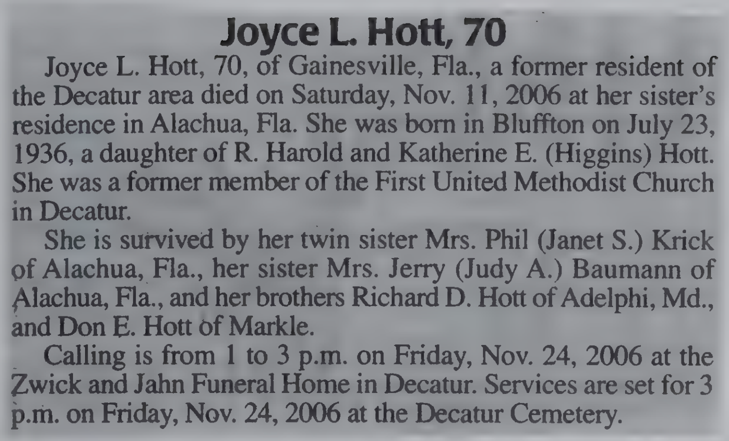

Joyce L. Hott, 70

Joyce L. Hott, 70, of Gainesville, Fla., a former resident of the Decatur area died on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006 at her sister's residence in Alachua, Fla. She was born in Bluffton on July 23, 1936, a daughter of R. Harold and Katherine E. (Higgins) Hott. She was a former member of the First United Methodist Church in Decatur.

She is survived by her twin sister Mrs. Phil (Janet S.) Krick of Alachua, Fla., her sister Mrs. Jerry (Judy A.) Baumann of Alachua, Fla., and her brothers Richard D. Hott of Adelphi, Md., and Don E. Hott of Markle.

Calling is from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 24, 2006 at the Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur. Services are set for 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 24, 2006 at the Decatur Cemetery.

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Bluffton, Indiana

Arthur D. Graff Sr., 71

A resident of rural Warren, Arthur D. Graff Sr., 71, died at 3 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006 at his residence.

Born July 5, 1935 in Grant County to Arthur H. and Helen Heal Graff, his marriage Oct. 29, 1955 to the former Mildred Enyeart took place in Marion. She survives.

He was retired from Fisher Body in Marion and was a member of the United Auto Workers union. He was also a member of the Fisher Body Sympathy Club, the Huntington County Sky Warn and a Ham radio operator with the call signal of KB9YAN. He attended Mt. Etna United Methodist Church and had attended Marion High School.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Arthur D. Graff and Roy Graff, both of Warren; a daughter, Mrs. Ted (Linda) Bowman of Warren; a sister, Karolyn Huffman of Huntington; two brothers Richard Graff of Sweetser and Jerry Graff of Marion and one grandson.

Arthur Graff Sr.

He was preceded in death by son Edward Allen Graff.

Calling at Glancy Funeral Homes-H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren is from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

Services tomorrow, Saturday, will be at 10 a.m. at the funeral home under the direction of Rev. Tom DeFries. Burial will be in the Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Jack C. Thrasher, 63

Brother of Steve Thrasher, Myrtle Herndon and Kathie Purvis, all of Bluffton, Jack C. Thrasher, 63, of Rossville, Ill., died at 5:15 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006 at IU Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Born Jan. 24, 1944 in Clinton County, Ky., to Joe Edgar and Eva Carter Thrasher, he married the former Joan Ervin in Tennessee April 30, 1973. She survives.

He was employed by Berkley-Davis in Danville, Ill., for 30 years and was a member of the Chestnut Street Church of Christ in Hoopeston, Ill.

In addition to the siblings in Bluffton and his wife, he is survived by two sons, Jeff and Joe Thrasher, both of Hoopeston, Ill.; sisters Becky Stockton of Albany, Ky., and Mrs. Buck (Sue) Confer of Summer Shade, Ky.; brother John Thrasher of Summer Shade and four grandchildren.

A daughter, Jaclyn and four brothers James A., Billy G., Joe W. and Otha E. Thrasher preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Chestnut Street Church of Christ in Hoopeston with the church's pastor officiating. Burial will follow at Rossville Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Chestnut Street Church of Christ.

Joni Marie Meade, 51

Joni Marie (Meyers) Meade, 51, of Lake City, Fla., died on Nov. 7, 2006 at Haven Hospice in Gainesville following a long illness. She was a homemaker.

She was born in Bluffton, and was a 1973 graduate of Southern Wells High School. She had been a member of the Dillman United Brethren church. She was preceded in death by her father Leo Meyers, her sister Linda Meyers Bowman, and her stepfather Wayne Hite.

She is survived by her husband Bob Meade, her son Nathan and her daughter Jenny all residing in Florida, along with her mother Adriana Meyers Hite and her brothers Larry Meyers of Edgemont, Ark., and David Meyers of Cincinnati, Ohio; stepbrothers Ronnie and Jerry Hite of Huntington County, and her step-sister Vicki McIntire of Warren.

Janet Louise Gardner, 88

Janet Louise Gardner, 88, of Los Gatos, Ca. died on Monday, November 13, 2006 in Los Gatos Meadows.

She was born in Van Buren on Monday, May 27, 1918, the daughter of the late Burtney J. and Lillian S. (Howard) Ferguson. She was married in Van Buren on December 21, 1941 to Lessel Wayne Gardner, who preceded her in death on May 2, 1987.

She is survived by two sons, Perry Gardner of Los Gatos, Ca., and Tom Gardner of Elk Grove, Ca., along with three sisters, Ruthanna Duckwall of Marion, Miriam Jones of Fairmount, In., and Sue Yerkes of Munster, two brothers, James Ferguson of Van Buren and David Ferguson of Warren, along with six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Chapel of Los Gatos Meadows. Private burial will take place at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo, Ca. Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Valley in San Jose, Ca., or to the Parkinson's Association of Northern California in Sacramento, Ca. Local arrangements are through Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren.

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Robert W. Gerber, 82

Robert W. Gerber, 82, of Bluffton died at 5:20 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, 2006, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Mr. Gerber worked in Fuller Brush sales for 60 years. He was a member of Apostolic Christian Church North.

Born on July 29, 1924, in Paulding County, Ohio, he was a son of Noah and Halda (Ragger) Gerber. His marriage on Dec. 2, 1945, in Wells County was to Bonnie Kaehr, who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Michael (Janet) Campbell of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Jerry (Kathy) Rauch of Bluffton; two brothers, Jim Gerber of New Haven and Lloyd Gerber of Roanoke, Ill.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Berniece J. Bauman.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday and from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Robert W. Gerber

Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Apostolic Christian Church North in Bluffton with ministers of the church officiating. There also is calling one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church.

Burial will be in Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Christian Care Retirement Community.

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M. Irene Myers, 93

M. Irene Myers, 93, of Berne died at 7:42 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006 at the Swiss Village. She had lived in the Berne area since 1989. She was a homemaker and had worked as a secretary to Dr. Miner for 17 years.

M. Irene Myers

She was born in Wells County on Aug. 16, 1913, a daughter of Ervin and Emma (Lockwood) Carney. She was married to Galen E. Myers in Keystone on June 9, 1934. Mr. Myers preceded her in death on Aug. 12, 1988. She is survived by her daughters Mrs. Dan (Janet) Kinsey of Berne, and Carol Mathys of Berne, along with seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was the last living member of her family.

Calling is on Tuesday from noon until 3 p.m. at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton, with services to follow at 3 p.m. with Pastor Patrick Harris officiating.

Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery.

Aubrey O. White, 98

Aubrey O. White, 98, of rural Ossian died on Nov. 16, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. He was a retired farmer and was a member of the Ossian United Methodist Church.

He was born in Wells County on March. 29, 1908, a son of Clyde O. and Dora (Hoopengardner) White. He was married in Ossian on Feb. 9, 1952 to Rosella A. Barrick White, who survives. He is also survived by sons Larry T. White of Hot Springs, Ark., and Garry L. White of Ossian, daughters Mrs. David (Karen) Thatcher of Ossian, and Mrs. Mike (Cheryl) Winters of Dunkirk, his sisters Mary Barnes of Ossian and Betty Dybbro of Washington State, along with six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter Debra, and one brother and one sister.

Calling is on Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian. Services are at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home with burial to follow at Elhanan Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Elhanan Cemetery.

Vena E. Simmons, 83

Vena E. Simmons, 83, of Geneva died at 10:35 p.m. on Friday, November 17, 2006 at her residence.

Mrs. Simmons was retired as the director of the Geneva Public Library after 30 years of service. She had served on the South Adams school board for 8 years. In 1989 she received the Limberlost Heritage Award. She was a graduate of Geneva High School. She attended Butler University where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. She also attended Indiana University in Fort Wayne. She was the treasurer of First United Methodist Church in Geneva. She was born in Geneva on June 20, 1923, a daughter of Adam and Ethel (Harbour) Egly. She was married in Geneva on Feb. 23, 1947 to Myron P. Simmons, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her son Stephen Simmons of Fort Wayne, a sister Virginia Lagel of Dillsboro, Ind., along with two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Arnold Egly.

No calling is planned. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006 at First United Methodist Church of Geneva with Pastor Judy Fuller officiating. Arrangements are through Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva.

L. Paul Baker, 86

L. Paul Baker, 86, of Sheridan died on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006 at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. He had worked for Wright Bachman Co. of Indianapolis as a field supervisor and had also worked as a driver for Rogers Finishing Tools of Lebanon.

He was born on Oct. 11, 1920 in Goldsmith, Ind., a son of Enos & Bertha (Harney) Baker. He was a U.S. Army veteran on World War II. He was married on July 1, 1942 to Mava Gene (Wallace) Baker, who preceded him in death on Aug. 15, 1987. He was married to Martha J. (Weakly) Timmons Baker on Nov. 20, 1988. He is survived by his wife Martha, along with his sons, Kenneth L. Baker of Bluffton, and Michael D. Baker of Scottsdale, Ariz., his daughter Nancy Urban of Sheridan, his step-son Thomas Timmons of Lebanon, his step-daughter Bonnie Reed of Russelville, and his sister Melva Ehman of Tipton. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, and one step-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brothers Harrison and Clifford Baker.

Calling will be from 4 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan. A Masonic Service will follow at 7:30 p.m. Services are set for 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home, with Rev. V.J. Stover officiating.

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Bluffton, Indiana

Rosella Marie Gentis, 70

Rosella Marie Gentis, 70, of rural Bluffton died at 5:05 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital. She had been in failing health for the past 2 1/2 years.

She had lived in Wells County for most of her life, and had been a homemaker and a member of the Living Water United Methodist Church. She was born in Huntington County on Sept. 7, 1936, a daughter of Norman and Opal (Bardsley) Van Emon. She was a graduate of Bluffton High School and was a member of the Nottingham Township Home Economics Club and the Gideons Auxiliary. She was married on Sept. 9, 1956 in Huntington County to Rex Eugene Gentis, who survives. The couple recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Rosella Gentis

She is also survived by her children; Rick Gentis of Bluffton, Rod Gentis of Geneva, and Ronda Able of Indianapolis, along with two sisters, Verna Ross of Bluffton and Miriam Niblick of Logansport, and her brother Earl Van Emon of Wooster, Ohio, and seven grandchildren.

Calling is on Monday from 2 to 9 p.m. at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday. Services are at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the Living Water United Methodist Church, with Pastor Steve McPeek & Pastor Ralph Klinker officiating. Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Gideons or The Leukemia Foundation.

Carl J. Hardin, Sr., 62

Carl J. Hardin, Sr., 62, of Bluffton died at 5:45 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Carl attended high school in Selma, Ind., and had worked at Decatur Casting for 18 years. Most recently he had worked at Sterling Casting in Bluffton. He was an avid racing fan who loved to attend NASCAR and drag races. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, and was also an avid baseball fan.

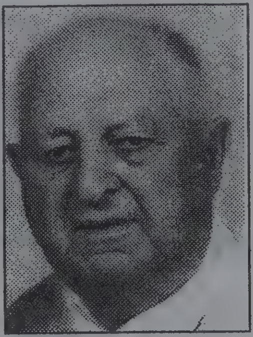
He was born in Logan, West Virginia on Dec. 4, 1943, a son of Charles L. and Gladys (Clark) Hardin. He was married in Muncie on May 12, 1969 to Victoria L. "Vicky" (Higdon) Hardin. He is also survived by his sons Carl J. Hardin, Jr. of Masey, Ind., Johnny Ridge of Bluffton, and Billy Maggard of Texas, and his daughters Mrs. Randy (Brenda) Wolfe of Bluffton, Cindy Nelson of Bluffton, Mrs. Jeffrey (Betty) Bolding of Warren, Gwen Cavanaugh of Warren, and Hope Garrett of Muncie, along with 25 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Carl Hardin Sr.

Calling is today from 2 to 9 p.m. at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services at the funeral home on Tuesday. Services are at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home, with Pastor Tom Bradley officiating. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Dale A. Harvey, 90

Dale A. Harvey, 90, of Bluffton died on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Mr. Harvey was a retired farmer, and attended St. John's United Church of Christ in Vera Cruz.


Dale Harvey

He was born in Mercer County, Ohio, on Aug. 17, 1916, a son of Claude A. and Essie P. (Koos) Harvey. He was married on June 17, 1944 to Dolores M. (Fox), who survives. He is also survived by his brother Donald W. Harvey of Bluffton, and his sisters Mrs. Ed (Francille) Zimmerman of Berne, and Kathleen Frantz of Bluffton. He was preceded in death by his brother Claude Harvey, Jr.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur, and one hour prior to services on Friday. Services are planned for 11 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Rick Pulling officiating. Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery.

Jack W. Burnell, 72

Jack W. Burnell, 72, of Indianapolis died on Monday, Nov. 20, 2006. He was a retired mechanic and a U.S. Navy Veteran of the Korean Conflict. Mr. Burnell was the recipient of a Purple Heart award. He was born in Indianapolis on Nov. 12, 1934, a son of Frank and Wilma (Applegate) Burnell. He was married in Indianapolis on Nov. 27, 1952 to Betty Shaw, who survives.

He is also survived by his daughter Mrs. David (Shirley) Goodwin of Bluffton, his sons James and Dillon Burnell both of Indianapolis, along with five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Mockus.

Calling is from 1 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday at the G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home, 5131 South Madison Avenue, Indianapolis. Services will follow at 4 p.m. A graveside memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday at the Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton. Local arrangements are through Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

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He was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Hardin and two sisters, Betty Jean Hardin and Martha Jane Hardin.

Services were today at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with Pastor Tom Bradley officiating. Burial was in Elm Grove Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

(The above obituary is being re-published to provide additional information)

Clarence F. Mort Hyser, 79

Clarence F. Mort Hyser, 79, of Yoder passed away Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Hyser retired in 1986 from International Harvester. He was a member of the UAW.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corp veteran and was a member of the American Legion. He attended Risen Savior Lutheran Church.

Born on June 17, 1927, in Huntington County, he was a son of Clarence W. and Mildred Parker Hyser.

Survivors include sisters Shirley Ottinger and Edina Fairchild, both of Columbia City, and Helen Boze of Bartsville, Fla.; and a brother, Richard Hyser of Roanoke; and a number of nieces and nephews. The extended family includes several relatives in Wells County. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Joan Hyser.

Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Martin Gehring officiating. There is also calling one hour before services Friday at the church.

Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

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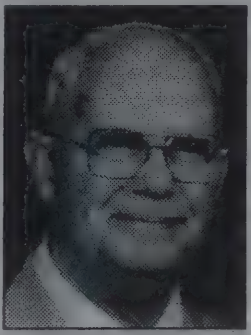
Kenneth L. Knox, 87

Kenneth L. Knox, 87, of Montpelier died at 10:33 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006, at Renaissance Rehab Center, Muncie.

Mr. Knox retired from Leas Feed Co. in Montpelier in 1981 after 27 years of service. He was a member of Millgrove United Methodist Church.



Kenneth Knox

Born on Sept. 5, 1919, in Blackford County, he was a son of Sanford L. "Roy" Knox and Emma Florence (Ford) Knox. His marriage on Oct. 5, 1946, in Fowlerton, Ind., was to Mary Alice Knox, who preceded him in death on Aug. 9, 2004.

Survivors include a son, Peter Knox of Hartford City; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Esther Cline, Ruth Huntsinger, Letha Knox and Mary Analeen Stotts.

Calling is from 1 to 5 p.m. today at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier.

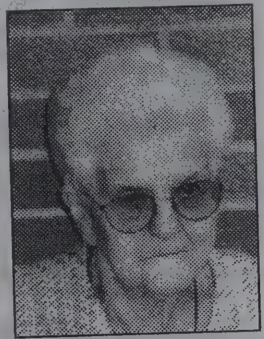
Services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Rev. John Long and Rev. Garry Reff officiating.

Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Muncie. Preferred memorials are to Millgrove United Methodist Church.

Wiladean M. Paxson, 84

A former Keystone resident, Wiladean M. Paxson, 84, died at 8:20 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006 at the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home.

Born in Grant County Nov. 27, 1921, to Virgil and Lochia Hahn Brown, she married Carl Paxson in Muncie Jan. 19, 1945. He preceded her in death April 7, 1998.


Wiladean Paxson

A homemaker, she had worked at Southern Wells Schools as a cook. She was a graduate of Hartford City School. She had been a Wells County resident since 1947.

Survivors include a son, Keith A. Paxson of Poneto; two daughters, Mrs. Sam (Janet) Gillum of Keystone and Mrs. Tim (Linda) Slaughter of Marion; a brother Robert "Tom" Brown of Hartford City; a sister, Mrs. Beverly Borton of Lewisburg, Tenn.; 15 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Joe, in 1995, and two grandchildren, Todd Paxson and Penny Paxson.

Services at 10 a.m. Saturday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home will be under the direction of Rev. Dick Case. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

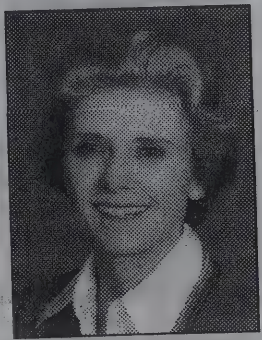
Calling from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday will be at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Norma Lea Jackson, 80

Committal services for Norma Lea Jackson, 80, will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 27 at the Northridge Mausoleum at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Mrs. Jackson, a former Bluffton resident, died Aug. 6, 2006 in Temple, Tex.


Norma Jackson

She was born Aug. 17, 1925 in Flat Rock, Ill., to Willard R. and Gretna (Pennington) Wampler. She graduated from nursing training at Vincennes Indiana Hospital and became an RN in 1946.

Her marriage on Jan. 23, 1947 was to Dr. Charles E. (Gene) Jackson, who survives.

Dr. and Mrs. Jackson came to Bluffton in 1951 and lived here for 19 years before moving to Grosse Pointe, Mich.

In addition to the husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Charlie (Penny) Stover of Georgetown, Tex., and a son, Dr. Jeffrey A. Jackson of Fishers, Ind. She was preceded in death in May of this year by a daughter, Mrs. Tim (Jan) Byrd.

Also surviving are a brother, Willard R. Wampler Jr. of San Diego, Calif., three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Rev. Cindy Osgood will officiate at Monday's service, which is under the arrangements of Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Temple First United Methodist Church through the funeral home.

Kathryn Eleanor Heller, 87

A former East Central Ave. resident, Kathryn Eleanor Heller, 87, died at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006 at Meadowvale Health & Rehabilitation.

Born Aug. 21, 1919 in Roanoke to William and Florence Stump Kohls, she married Paul T. Heller in Kentucky Jan. 16, 1938. He preceded her in death.

A cook for Bluffton High School for 16 years, she was a member of the First Reformed Church in Bluffton and an active Girl Scout Leader. She was also a 50-year member of the Eastern Star.'

Survivors include a son, William K. Heller, of Vincennes; three daughters, Mrs. Jed (Paula Joanne) Olvey and Mrs. Stephen (Jeane) Swisher, both of Bluffton; Mrs. Harold (Janalee) Youqulet of Decatur; a sister, Mary Jessup of Decatur; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by four sisters.

Services at 1 p.m. Saturday will be at Goodwin Memorial Chapel under the direction of Pastor Wayne Ball. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Calling hours are from 10 a.m. until time of services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Mary L. Ault, 98

Mary L. Ault, 98, of Ossian died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ault was a telephone operator for Uniondale Rural Telephone Co. for more than 20 years, retiring in 1966. She was a member of Ossian United Methodist Church and Waynedale Order of Eastern Star #600.

Born on Dec. 6, 1907, in Wells County, she was a daughter of James W. and Elva L. (Kumfer) Myers. Her marriage on June 19, 1926, in Fowler, Ind., was to Harvey A. Ault, who preceded her in death on March 21, 1988.

Survivors include a son, Gene M. Ault of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles R. "Dick" "Smokey" Ault; two sisters; and a brother.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian. An Eastern Star service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Rev. Tim Dilley officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian. Preferred memorials are to Ossian United Methodist Church.

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L. Wayne Ridgley, 82

A former president of Wayne Metal Products in Markle, L. Wayne Ridgley, 82, of Markle, died at 5:10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006, at the Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ridgley retired from Wayne Metal Products in 1987 after 27 years of service and leadership with the company. From 1992 to 1996, he served as the secretary-treasurer of High Fabricators in Markle.

He was a member of the Markle United Methodist Church and served on the Markle Town Council from 1988 until 1999. He was a Mason active with the Indianapolis Lodge and a member of both the Shrine Club and Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne.

Born Nov. 23, 1923 in Terre Haute to Frank and Clara (Stewart) Ridgley, he served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945 as a medic in the areas of Burma, China and India.

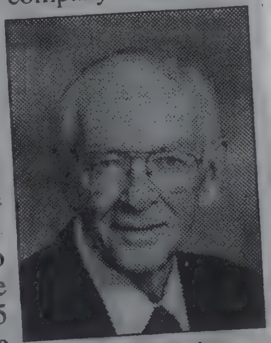
His marriage on Sept. 22, 1946 in Terre Haute was to Mary Lou Chancellor, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Randy W. Ridgley of Fort Wayne, Larry A. Ridgley of Preston, Idaho, and Martin D. Ridgley of Markle; one daughter, Sherry Singleton of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Dr. Ron Ridgley in 2006.

Calling will be Friday at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be Saturday at the funeral home, beginning at 2 p.m.with Kathie Jones officiating. Burial will be in Markle Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Markle United Methodist Church.



Wayne Ridgley

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November 24 2006 Bluffton, Indiana

Linda A. Nussbaum, 56

Linda A. Nussbaum, 56, of rural Berne died at 9:25 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006 at her residence.

She had worked at Lehman Heating and Plumbing, Berne Hardware, and Farm and Home Center. She was a member of the Berne Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. She was a member of the West Missionary Church. She was born in Adams County on March 15, 1950, the daughter of Virgil and Ila (Harshbarger) Ferry. She was married in Adams County on April 14, 1972 to Arthur "Art" Nussbaum, who survives. Mr. Nussbaum is the Berne Fire Chief.

She was preceded in death by her brother Eugene.

Calling is from noon until 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne, and one hour prior to services at the church on Monday. Services are set for 10:30 a.m. on Monday at West Missionary Church, with Rev. Keith Rupp officiating.

Burial will follow in M.R.E. Cemetery in Berne. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of N.E. Indiana or to the Berne Fire Department.

Emilie D. Wilson, 75

Emilie D. Wilson, 75, of Huntington died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, from injuries sustained in a house fire.

Mrs. Wilson for many years worked as a private secretary for the Huntington High School principal, retiring in 1983. She was a 1949 graduate of Huntington High School and also attended Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

Born on Sept. 19, 1931, in Huntington County, she was a daughter of Edward F. and Helen (Goble) Burke. Her marriage on Oct. 21, 1950, in Clarksville, Tenn., was to Jack M. Wilson, who survives.

Emilie Wilson

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Tony (Sarah) Eckert of Warren and Mrs. Kyle (Susan) Smith of St. Joseph, Mich.; a sister, Patricia Copenhaver of Cicero, Ind.; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, is in charge of the arrangements.

Preferred memorials, in lieu of flowers, are to the "2 4 Golf Scholarship Fund" for Huntington North High School senior athletes, in care of the Huntington County Community Foundation.

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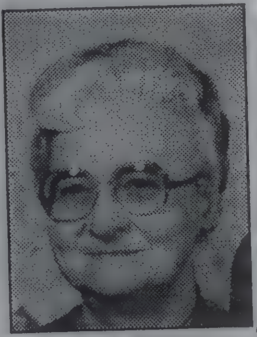
November 25 2006 Bluffton, Indiana

Dortha M. Helton, 93

A former clerk at the Montpelier Clerk Treasurer's Office, Dortha M. Helton, 93, of Fort Wayne, died at 5:50 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24, 2006, at Village Oaks Assisted Living in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Helton also had formerly worked for the Ledbetter Locker Plant in Montpelier. She was a member of the Montpelier Lions Club and had been a lifetime resident of Montpelier before moving to Fort Wayne. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Montpelier.


Dortha Helton

Born Sept. 27, 1913, in Blackford County to Joseph Roll and Grace Belle (Lawson) Williams, her marriage on Nov. 30, 1932, was to Floyd LeRoy "Buss" Helton, who preceded her in death on May 16, 1994.

Survivors include a daughter, Graciеann Pethtel of Montpelier; two grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph B. Williams; a sister, Etna May Williams; and a granddaughter.

Calling hours will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel in Montpelier. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Montpelier.

Preferred memorials to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice.

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November 27 2006 Bluffton, Indiana

Don F. Keller, 69

A well-known former teacher and coach, Don F. Keller, 69, of Berne died at 12:21 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Keller was co-owner of Hickory Hills Golf Club, Bluffton. He taught in Bluffton and Berne-French schools and was a former officer of the Bluffton-Harrison Teachers Association.

Don Keller

He was a member of Adams County Crime Stoppers and was a former officer of the Berne Lions Club and of the Berne Little League and Berne Recreation Facilities. He was a member of First Missionary Church.

Born on April 12, 1937, in Adams County, he was a son of Floyd Keller and Lela Ludy. His marriage on June 23, 1956, in Alexandria, Ind., was to Colleen Egly, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Chad (Renee) Captain of Bluffton; four sons, Greg Keller of Berne, Curt Keller of Pekin, Ill., Kent Keller of Orlando, Fla., and Scott Keller of Avon, Ill.; two sisters, Janet Fleming of Devils Lake, N.D., and Judy Grogg of Delphos, Ohio; three brothers, Richard Keller of Van Wert, Ohio, Thomas Ludy of Waterloo and John Ludy of Fremont; his stepfather, Elmer "Pat" Ludy of Fremont; and 10 grandchildren.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Missionary Church with Rev. Kris McPherson and Rev. Max Haines officiating. There also is calling one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Campus Crusade of Christ or First Missionary Church Missions.

Junior T. Myers, 77

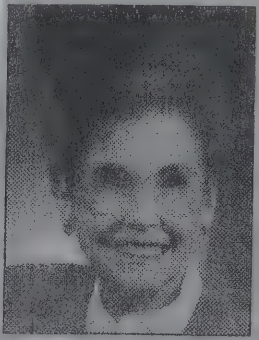
Junior T. Myers, 77, of rural Ossian died on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006 at his residence. He was a farmer and a school bus driver. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict who was discharged in 1954. He was born in Tocsin, the son of Christopher T. and Mary (Rupright) Myers. He was married on March 12, 1965 to Betty (Zaugg) Myers, who survives.

He is also survived by his son Terry Myers of Ossian and his foster sons Dean and Dale Myers of Craigville. He was preceded in death by a brother, William Myers.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian. Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Ernie Suman officiating. Burial will follow at Prairie View Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Laura J. Davis, 93

Laura J. Davis, 93, Bluffton died at 4:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006 at the Christian Care Retirement Community. She was a resident of Wells County since 1995. She was a homemaker. She had been a member of the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church for most of her life. She had served as Sunday School superintendent, Sunday School teacher, and the president of the ladies auxiliary of the church. Although she attended the First Nazarene Church in Bluffton, Mrs. Davis retained her membership in the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church.


Laura Davis

She was born in Salamanca, New York on April 16, 1913, the daughter of Alfred and Bertha (Langworthy) Reynolds. She was married in Salamanca, N.Y. on Feb. 14, 1931 to Walter W. Davis, who preceded her in death on Aug. 4, 1970.

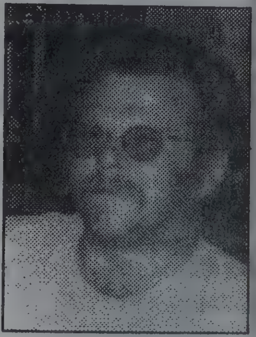
She is survived by her son G. Douglas Davis of Bluffton, along with three grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and four step great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by eight brothers and two sisters.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Services are planned for 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Larry Sheets officiating. Burial will be in Wildwood Cemetery in Salamanca, N.Y.

Keith A. Archbold, 52

Keith A. Archbold, 52, of Bluffton died at 5:51 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had worked at Sterling Casting for 32 years. He enjoyed star gazing and coin collecting and was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan. He graduated from Bluffton High School in 1973. He was born in Wells County on Aug. 23, 1954, the son of Merrill LaMahr Archbold and Lois Maxine Martin.


Keith Archbold

He is survived by his mother, his step mother Norma Jane Archbold, and by his son Zachary Allen Archbold, all of Bluffton. He is also survived by his four sisters, Becky Walsh of Bluffton, Mrs. Paul (Susan) Thomas of Bluffton, Mrs. Leroy (Jane) Conner of Decatur, and Nancy Archbold of Bluffton.

Calling is on Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Services are planned for 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home with Rev. Douglas McClure officiating. Memorials may be made to the family.

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Lorra L. Zumbrun, 38

Lorra L. Zumbrun, 38, of Warsaw died on Friday, Nov. 24, 2006 at her residence. She was born in Whitley County on June 28, 1968, a daughter of Brian Lee and Judy K. (Johnson) of Warren, who survive. She was a 1986 graduate of Marion High School, and a graduate cum laude of Indiana Wesleyan College, with a masters in social work. She was a freelance artist. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Marion.

Lorra Zumbrun

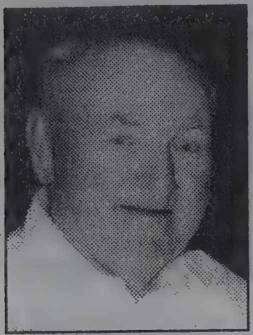
She is also survived by her daughter Jacquline K. Zumbrun of Warren, six brothers Jeffrey L. Zumbrun of Osceola, Jimmy B. Zumbrun of Granger, Douglas S. Zumbrun of Upland, David D. Zumbrun of Mesa, Ariz., Daniel C. Zumbrun of Warren, Jonathon E. Zumbrun of Nashville, Tenn., and her sister Melissa J. Adams of Niota.

Calling is on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the H. Brown and Son Chapel in Warren. Services are on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Marion, with Bishop Dennis Cook officiating. Burial will follow at Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington. Memorials may be made to Jacquline Zumbrun in care of the family.

Cecil W. 'Wayne' McCune, 77

Cecil W. "Wayne" McCune, 77, of Markle died at 2:55 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, 2006, at his residence.

Mr. McCune had worked for the Wells County Highway Department for 18 years, retiring in 1996. He raised horses and enjoyed going to horse auctions and pony pulls.


Wayne McCune

Born on Feb. 25, 1929, in Adams County, he was a son of Forrest E. and Nolah Mae (Haines) McCune. His marriage on Feb. 6, 1953, in Wabash County was to Betty Bechtold, who survives.

Other survivors include seven sons, Kenneth McCune, Robert McCune, Paul McCune, Clifford McCune, Daniel McCune and Dale McCune, all of Markle, and Steven McCune of Huntington; eight daughters, Mrs. Richard (Sandra) Kaehr of Bluffton, Mrs. Tom (Barbara) Neuhauser of Markle, Mrs. Randy (Bonnie) Ramseyer of Circleville, Ohio, Mrs. Randy (Brinda) Griffith of Liberty Center, Mrs. Patrick (Evelyn) Karst of Markle, Mrs. Glen (Pamela) Anstett of Uniondale, Mrs. Larry (Peggy) Pence of Markle and Mrs. Eric (Julia) Wright of Markle; three brothers, Loren McCune of Uniondale, Joyce McCune of Huntington and Dwight McCune of Markle; 42 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Inez Ripple and Eileen Kirtley; and a grandson.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Rev. Dwight Fishburn officiating. Burial will be at the Horeb Cemetery in Wells County.

Avis J. Aker, 82

Avis J. Aker, 82, of Etna Green died at 5:10 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006 in Kosciusko Community Hospital.

She was a homemaker, and had been a seamstress at Bornemann Products. She was a beauty school graduate and owned her own beauty shop. She was born in Poneto on Feb. 25, 1924, the daughter of Reuben and Blanche Wolf Kunkel. She was married on April 26, 1944 to Glenn L. Aker, Sr. who preceded her in death on April 1, 1995.

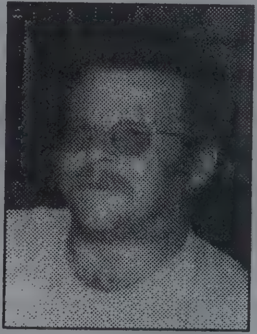
Avis is survived by her daughter, Becky Golden of Etna Green and her son Glenn Aker, Jr. of Bourbon, along with three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brothers Norman, Arden, John and Luster Kunkel.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Nov. 19 at the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home in Bourbon. Interment is planned for Etna Green Cemetery.

Keith A. "Archie" Archbold, 52

Keith A. "Archie" Archbold, 52, of Bluffton died at 5:51 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had worked at Sterling Casting for 32 years. He enjoyed star gazing and coin collecting and was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan. He was born in Wells County on Aug. 23, 1954, the son of Merrill LaMahr Archbold and Lois Maxine Martin.


Archie Archbold

He graduated from Bluffton High School in 1974.

He is survived by his mother, his step mother Norma Jane Archbold, and by his son Zachary Allen Archbold, all of Bluffton. He is also survived by four sisters, Becky Welsh of Bluffton, Mrs. Paul (Susan) Thomas of Bluffton, Mrs. Leroy (Jane) Conner of Decatur, and Nancy Archbold of Bluffton.

Calling is today from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Services are planned for 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home with Rev. Douglas McClure officiating. Memorials may be made to the family.

(The above obituary is being re-published to provide corrected information)

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Sanja K. Shane, 42

Sanja K. Shane, 42, of Lakeland, Fla., died on Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006 at her home. She was born in Bluffton on Oct. 3, 1964 to Carlton and Jill (Brower) Shane. She was a 1983 graduate of Bluffton High School, and moved from Fort Wayne to Florida in April 2006. She loved sports and was involved with track, volleyball, basketball, softball and baseball while in high school. She continued to play softball and baseball in a woman's league. She was also an avid golfer.

She was a member of the Sunrise United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne, and the Shepherd's Community United Church in Lakeland. She was employed at Blockbuster Video in Lakeland and was formerly employed at Entertainment Inc. in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by her mother Jill Worthington and her stepfather LeRoy of Lakeland, her father Carl Shane of Bluffton, her brother Travis of Geneva.

Cremation has taken place and a private memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are through Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes Southside Chapel in Lakeland.

THE NEWS BANNER
November 30 2006
Bluffton, Indiana

Barbara A. Rohlman, 91

Barbara A. Rohlman, 91, of Warren died at 5:15 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at Heritage Pointe, Warren.

Mrs. Rohlman was a homemaker and a member of Grace St. John's United Church of Christ. Originally from Fort Wayne, she moved to the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren in September 1987.

Born on Feb. 14, 1915, in Fort Wayne, she was a daughter of George and Marie (Marisak) Haber. She was married to James W. Rohlman, who preceded her in death on June 23, 1983.

Survivors include a sister, Leona Davis of Saint Cloud, Fla.; a brother, Frank Haber of Saint Cloud; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, George Haber.

Calling is from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday at Heritage Pointe, formerly known as the United Methodist Memorial Home.

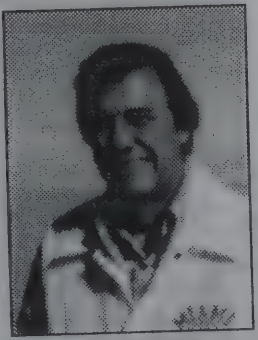
Services are at 2 p.m. Friday at the home, with Rev. John Wallace officiating.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Fred Joseph Bruner, Sr., 77

Fred Joseph Bruner, Sr., 77, of Bluffton died at his daughter's home in Indianapolis on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006 following a brief illness.

Bruner was a businessman, lobbyist and economic development leader in the Portland area. He was an avid sailor and pilot, and was largely self-taught in both disciplines. He was born in Lima, Ohio, on June 23, 1929, the only child of Walter and Julia Bruner. He was a graduate of Miami University of Ohio. He had served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. He later worked for Indiana Michigan & Electric Company in Fort Wayne and Decatur, and later worked as a lobbyist for AEP in Washington, D.C. He headed the Portland Chamber of Commerce from 1983-84. He was a 32nd degree Mason as was his father, and he was the founding president of the Decatur Kiwanis Club in the early 1970's.


Fred Bruner

Bruner was previously married to Florence Mae Geisler Weatherford, and was preceded in death by his wife Carolyn "Sue" Bruner. He is survived by his children Karen (Stroup), Kathy (Tibbs), and two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by a daughter Julia Frances, and a son Fred Joseph Bruner, Jr.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, December 3 at Williamson-Spencer Funeral Home in Portland at 1 p.m., with calling from noon until the time of service. Memorials may be made in his memory to the Indiana Ronald McDonald House or the Ruth Lilly Hospice Program at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

Margaret L. Young, 59

A native of Wells County, Margaret L. Young, 59, of Hartford City died at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie.

She attended Warren High School and was a homemaker. She was a former resident of Portland.

Born on Aug. 16, 1947, in Wells County, she was a daughter of Bernard Frederick Ellison and Garnett Louise Gray Ellison.

Survivors include a daughter, Teresa Green of Dunkirk; a son, Michael D. Young of Seguin, Texas; a sister, Debbie Young of Kimmel, Ind.; and two brothers, Randall Ellison and Jerry Ellison, both of Albion.

There is no calling. Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. Keplinger Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Barbara J. Shultz, 76

Barbara J. Shultz, 76, of Geneva died at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at her daughter's residence in Angola.

Mrs. Shultz had worked at C.T.S. in Berne, retiring in 1992 as a machine operator.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva. Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Gravel Hill Cemetery, Bryant. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Sanja Shane – Services set

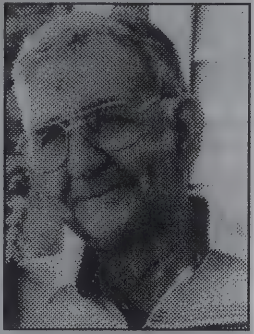
Services for Sanja Shane, 42, a former Bluffton resident who died in Lakeland Fla., Nov. 26, 2006, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8 at Sonrise United Methodist Church, 10125 Illinois Road, Fort Wayne. Officiating will be Pastor Stan Buck.

THE NEWS BANNER
December 2 2006 Bluffton, Indiana

Glenn Rowland Robinson, 82

Calling hours will begin today for Glenn Rowland Robinson, 82, of Warren, who died at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Mr. Robinson was a lifetime farmer near Sunman, Ind., located close to Cincinnati. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946. He was a member of the Sunman Community Church, where he had served as a deacon, trustee and usher.


Glenn Robinson

Born April 18, 1924, in Sunman to Rowland M. and Theresa (Beer) Robinson, his marriage in August 1950 in Louisville, Ky., was to Martha Heck, who survives.

Additional survivors include two sons, Byron Robinson of Zionsville, and David Robinson of Orlando, Fla.; a daughter, Rosalie Walter of Warren; a sister, Marilee Hunter of Sunman; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Catherine Pohlmeyer.

Calling hours will be from today from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Applegate Chapel at Heritage Pointe in Warren. Calling hours will also be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Community Church in Sunman; and from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church, 304 Vine Street, with Dan Steffen officiating.

Burial will be at St. Paul Cemetery in Ripley County. American Legion Post 337 is in charge of military graveside rites.

Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren is handling funeral arrangements.

Preferred memorials to Sunman Community Church or donor's choice.

THE NEWS BANNER
December 4 2006 Bluffton, Indiana

Leonard Bertsch, 80

Leonard Bertsch, 80, of Bluffton died at noon on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006 at the Christian Care Retirement Community. He had worked for Surge Sales and Service, was the co-founder of Bertsch Dairy Equipment, and was a dairy equipment dealer from 1962 through 1987. He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church.

Leonard Bertsch

He was born in Adams County on Jan. 25, 1925, a son of Samuel and Rosa Minger) Bertsch. He was married in Bluffton on March 19, 1950 to Wava Steffen, who survives.

He is also survived by his son Larry A. Bertsch of Bluffton, and his daughters Diane K. Mason and Connie Bertsch both of Bluffton. Also surviving are brothers Laurin Bertsch of Bluffton, Oscar Bertsch of Decatur, Walter Bertsch of Bluffton, and his sisters Mrs. Gladys Lantz of Bluffton and Mrs. Howard Beulah) Schwartz of Bluffton, along with six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Calling is today from 6 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 1 to 8 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, along with one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday. Services are set for 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Bluffton North Apostolic Church with ministers of the church officiating. Burial will be in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Christian Care Retirement Community.

Karol G. Cossairt, 76

Karol G. Cossairt, 76, of Markle died at 5:33 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was a 1947 graduate of Clear Creek Township High School. He was a member of the Central Christian Church. Mr. Cossairt had served in the U.S. Army 11th Airborne Division from 1953 through 1955. He was a licensed Indiana Insurance Broker since 1967. He was the founder of Affordable Luxury homes in Markle until retiring in 1989. He was active with the National Association of Home Builders and the Building Systems Council in the mid-1980's.

Karol Cossairt

He was born on Jan. 14, 1930 in Huntington County, a son of Otto C. and Marion F. Clark Cossairt. He was married on July 26, 1953 at the Central Christian Church in Huntington to Gloria A. Enos, who survives.

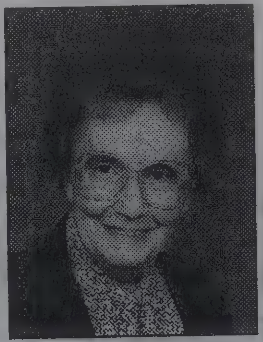
He is also survived by his sons David Cossairt of Huntington, Kevin Cossairt of Markle, and Maurice Cossairt of Markle, a sister Eva Snyder of Las Vegas, Nev., along with seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister Christine Miller.

Calling is on Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home in Huntington, and one hour prior to services on Thursday at the Markle Church of Christ. Services are set for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday at the church. Interment will take place in the Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Preferred memorials are to the Indiana University Foundation Cancer Research.

Naomi Ruth Oliver, 85

Naomi Ruth Oliver, 85, of Bluffton died at 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, 2006 at Meadowvale Health & Rehabilitation Center. She retired from Keebler's in Bluffton in 1985 after 25 years of service. She was born in Fort Wayne on July 30, 1919, the daughter of Augustus and Lucy Alice (Boze) Rian. Her mother died three days after she was born and she was raised by her grandparents Dan and Sarah Boze.


Naomi Ruth Oliver

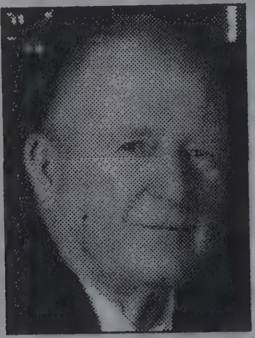
She was the salutatorian of her class when she graduated from Jefferson Township School in Berne in 1936. She was an avid gardener and was known for her roses. She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

She was married in November of 1952 to Leon E. Oliver who preceded her in death in April of 1991. She is survived by her children Phyllis Joan Delaney of Minneapolis, Minn., David R. Piety of Bluffton, and James C. Oliver of Bluffton, along with 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Calling is from 1 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Services are set for 11 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Larry Sheets officiating. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the First Church of the Nazarene in Bluffton.

Robert D. Stout, 80

Robert D. Stout, 80, of Bluffton died at 5:17 p.m on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was an electric lineman with the City of Bluffton for many years, and was part of the electrical union and worked through them in cities including Fort Wayne and Gary. He was a member of American Legion Post #111 in Bluffton and the Bluffton Elks Lodge.


Robert D. Stout

He was born in Bluffton on Feb. 19, 1926, a son of Robert F. and Mary D. (Crouse) Stout. He was a 1944 graduate of Bluffton High School and served in the U.S. Army from 1944 through 1946. He was married in Bluffton on Oct. 20, 2000 to Evelyn M. (Kean) Marckres, who survives.

He is also survived by his children Mrs. Tony (Susan) Palukaitis of Tampa, Fla., Mrs. Greg (Julie) Maxwell of Bluffton, Steven Miner of Fort Wayne, and David Marckres of Fort Collins, Colo., along with five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother William Stout.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday. Services are set for 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton with Rev. Cindy Osgood officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Military honors will be performed by American Legion Post 111. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Bluffton.

Katie M. McBay McFall, 99

A former Ossian resident, Katie M. McBay McFall, 99, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, in Tulsa, Okla.

Mrs. McFall was a homemaker and was a member of the Church of Christ. She also was a former resident of Huntington.

Born on June 28, 1907, in Hopper, Ark., she was a daughter of John A. and Caroline (Duke) Shields. Her first marriage in 1933 in Hopper was to Samuel W. McBay, who preceded her in death on Nov. 30, 1956. Her second marriage in 1961 in Huntington was to Charlie McFall, who preceded her in death in 1969.

Survivors include six daughters, Mrs. Charles (Barbara N.) Pearson of Tulsa, Mrs. David (Edith E.) Koffman of New Hope, Ark., Mrs. Robert (Carolyn) Williams of Huntington, Mrs. Daniel (Fran L.) Baumgardner of Ossian, Mrs. Edward (Emma L.) Duncan of Phoenix, Ariz., and Millie A. Stoppenhagen of Noblesville; a son, Calvin McBay of New Hope; 17 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister and eight brothers.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Michael Gors officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian. Preferred memorials are to Church of Christ.

Scott Alan Kaylor, 34

Funeral services are slated Thursday in Nevada for Scott Ala Kaylor, 34, grandson of Lura (Bear) Burke of Ossian.

Mr. Kaylor, a resident of Las Vegas, died suddenly of an aneu rysm on Nov. 30, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Born Feb. 6, 1972 in Indianapolis to Larry D. Kaylor and Vi ian Bear Kaylor, he is survived by his father in Philadelphia, Pa and his mother in Las Vegas. The family was originally from th Huntington and Markle area.

Also surviving are three sons, David, Michael and Jason, all Las Vegas; a brother, Lonnie Kaylor of Las Vegas, a sister, Lo Weitzman of Yorba Linda, Calif., and another grandmother, Wi ladean (Kaylor) Weimer of Knightstown, Ind.

Mr. Kaylor was a carpet installer. He served four years with th U.S. Marine Corps. Services will be Thursday, Dec. 7 in Bould City Nev., with full military rites.

Victor J. Fosnaugh, 86

Victor J. Fosnaugh, 86, of Berne died at 10:39 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had worked at Central Soya of Decatur for 42 years and etired in 1982. He also was a part time employee of the former W.E. Reusser Construction Company in Berne for 20 years. He had a winter home n Cherokee Village, Ark.

Victor Fosnaugh

He was born in Wells County on Sept. 17, 1920, a son of Clarence and Annis (Clowser) Fosnaugh. He was a 1939 graduate of Petroleum High School, and attended Calvary Bible Church in Berne. He was married on Oct. 18, 1941 in Montpelier to Vivian Lucille (Morgan) Fosnaugh, who preceded him in death on July 28, 1988.

He is survived by five sons Dal J. Fosnaugh of Bluffton, Ronald J. Fosnaugh of Lafayette, Gary J. Fosnaugh of Geneva, Justin L. Fosnaugh of Berne, James M. Fosnaugh of Geneva, and four daughters Mrs. Gary (Judith) Rice of Niles, Mich., Mrs. Dale (Jane) Urick of Bluffton, Mrs. Gerald (Victoria) Bailey of Portland, and Mrs. John (Jill) Sipe of Monroe. He is also survived by his brothers Herman Fosnaugh of Berne, Joe Fosnaugh or Nashville, Ind., Dale Fosnaugh of Decatur, Roger Fosnaugh of Bluffton, and his sisters Glennis Fosnaugh of Bluffton, Bonnie Gibson of Yoder, along with 25 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son William J. Fosnaugh.

Calling will be on Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva, and one hour prior to services on Thursday. Services are at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Ed Grable officiating. Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton. Preferred memorials may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Foundation or to Calvary Bible Church in Berne.

Leonard Bertsch, 80

Leonard Bertsch, 80, of Bluffton died at noon on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006 at the Christian Care Retirement Community. He had worked for Surge Sales and Service, was the co-founder of Bertsch Dairy Equipment, and was a dairy equipment dealer from 1962 through 1987. He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church.

Leonard Bertsch

He was born in Adams County on Jan. 25, 1926, a son of Samuel and Rosa (Minger) Bertsch. He was married in Bluffton on March 19, 1950 to Wava Steffen, who survives.

He is also survived by his son Larry A. Bertsch of Bluffton, and his daughters Diane K. Mason and Connie Bertsch both of Bluffton. Also surviving are brothers Laurin Bertsch of Bluffton, Oscar Bertsch of Decatur, Walter Bertsch of Bluffton, and his sisters Mrs. Gladys Lantz of Bluffton and Mrs. Howard (Beulah) Schwartz of Bluffton, along with six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

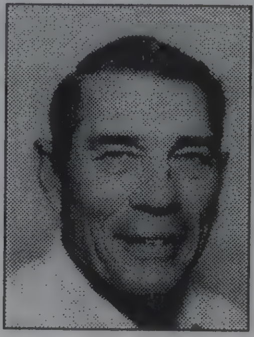
Calling is today from 1 to 8 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, along with one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday. Services are set for 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Bluffton North Apostolic Church with ministers of the church officiating. Burial will be in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Christian Care Retirement Community.

(The above obituary is being re-published to provide corrected information)

Roy Glenn Lahr, 73

Roy Glenn Lahr, 73, of Markle, died at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, at his residence.

Born March 24, 1933, in Huntington County to Leroy James and Hattie Ellen Broyles Lahr, he married the former Marilyn Eckelbarger July 18, 1952 in Bluffton. She survives.


Roy Glenn Lahr

A retired farmer, he was a 1951 graduate of Rock Creek High School in Huntington County. He and Marilyn moved to Lake Placid, Fla., after he retired from farming in 1990, but returned last year.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Larry Lahr of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Cindy Hunter of Markle; a brother Mardith Lahr of Markle; six sisters, Maribelle Sparks, Ruby Sparks and Del Marshall, all of Markle, and Rose Christen, Kay Bolding and Chris Tester, all of Huntington; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bud Lahr, a grandson, Clint Ray Lahr, and a granddaughter, Jackie Renee Hunter.

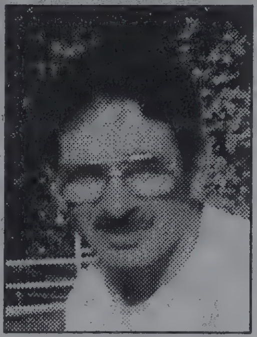
Services at 11 a.m. Friday will be under the direction of Pastor Kathie Jones at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel. Burial will follow at the Markle Cemetery.

Calling at the funeral home will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials may be made to the Markle United Methodist Church or to the Plum Tree Church of Christ.

Jerry Shuttleworth, 62

Jerry Shuttleworth, of Bluffton died at 10:40 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He had worked at Franklin Electric in Bluffton as a machine operator for 18 years, having retired in 206. He also served in the Indiana National Guard. He enjoyed fishing.


Jerry Shuttleworth

He was born on Oct. 17, 1944 in Bluffton, a son of Charles A. and Lena Marie (Lauvere) Shuttleworth. He was a 1962 graduate of Warren High School. He was married on July 20, 2006 in Bluffton to Tammy J. (Wyatt) Shuttleworth, who survives.

He is also survived by his son Ben M. Shuttleworth of Montpelier, his daughter Susan M. Myers of Berne, two stepsons Justin R. Whipple of Bluffton and Johnathan T. Whipple of Bluffton, his brothers Bil Shuttleworth of Warren and Tim Shuttleworth of Pennsylvania, and his ex-wife Lynn Shuttleworth of Bluffton along with six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brothers Don Shuttleworth, Jim Shuttleworth, Tom Shuttleworth, and Bob Shuttleworth, and his sister Susan Marie Smith.

Calling is on Saturday from 1 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown and Son Chapel in Warren. Services are set for 3 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home with Rev. Arley Higginbotham officiating. Interment will take place in the Masonic Cemetery in Warren.

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Harold E. Oden, 79

A former owner of Markle Furniture, Harold E. Oden, 79, of Huntington died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006, at Manitee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, Fla.

Mr. Oden was owner of Markle Furniture from 1966 until his retirement in 2005. He was a member of Bethel Assembly of God Church in Huntington and served on the church board for many years. He and his wife spent winter months in Bradenton.

Harold Oden

Born on June 13, 1927, in Huntington, he was a son of George and Hazel (Howell) Oden. His first marriage on June 29, 1947, was to Wilma Keplinger, who preceded him in death on Oct. 25, 1999. His second marriage on June 1, 2003, was to Joan Hereau, who preceded him in death on Sept. 13, 2004. His third marriage on Nov. 26, 2005, in Bradenton was to Jane Parks, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Linda Hutchison of Huntington; a son, Terry E. Oden of Huntington; a sister, Phyllis Keller of Huntington; two brothers, George Oden of Huntington and Don Oden of Cocoa, Fla.; four stepsons; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor John Backes officiating. Additional calling will be held one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the funeral home.

Interment will be at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Huntington County. Preferred memorials are to Bethel Assembly of God Church Building Fund.

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Naomi L. Elzey, 72

Naomi L. Elzey, 72, of Bluffton died at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006 at home. She had worked at Murphy's in Bluffton before she was married. Later she worked at Franklin Electric for 15 years until 1969. Recently she had worked part time at Wal-Mart in Bluffton. She attended the First Church of the Nazarene.

Naomi Elzey

She was born in Wells County on Dec. 12, 1933, a daughter of Earnest and Mary (McFarren) Harris. She was a 1951 graduate of Lancaster High School. She was married in Wells County on Aug. 8, 1953 to Wayne Elzey, who preceded her in death on May 16, 2002.

She is survived by her daughter Jane (David) Pacheco of Woodbridge, Va. and her son Larry (Kimi) Elzey of Bluffton. She is also survived by her siblings Wayne Harris of Uniondale, Audrey Daniels of Bluffton, Francis Harris of Poneto, David Harris of Vera Cruz, Richard Harris of Bluffton, and Diane Harris of Bluffton, along with two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sister Irene Harris and a grandson Peter Pacheco.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. on Saturday at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, plus one hour before services on Sunday. Services are set for 2 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home with Pastor Larry Sheets officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or to Cancer Services of Allen County.

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Virginia D. Robison, 82

Virginia D. Robison, 82, of Bluffton died at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. She was born in Decatur on Nov. 30, 1924, a daughter of Cloice and Cecil (Dague) Beam. She was a 1943 graduate of Pleasant Mills High School. She was a production worker at Franklin Electric for 25 years.

Virginia Robison

She is survived by daughters Gloria (Kevin) Bingaman of Monroe, Sherry (James) Gutshall of Bluffton, and Joan (Steve) Kelly of Bluffton. She was preceded in death by two sons, Edward Robison and James Robison. A son, Kenneth Alan Robison, was stillborn. She was also preceded in death by a great-grandson, Phoenix John Kelly.

She is survived by 14 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren, and her sister Vivian Painter of Decatur.

Calling is from 6-9 p.m. on Sunday at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Services are set for 10 a.m. on Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Jay Carter officiating. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

John Stolz, 75

Brother of Mrs. Ralph (Jeannie) Baumgartner of Bluffton, John Stolz, 75, of Pennville, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006 at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Adams County Sept. 4, 1931, a son of Orison and Wilma Stolz. He retired in 1991 from Teledyne Portland Forge. He was a U.S. Navy veteran from 1951 through 1958 and a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bryant and American Legion Post # 211 in Portland.

He was married to Mary Ann Loyd, who survives. He is also survived by his mother, Wilma, of Swiss Village in Berne, his sons Dennis Stolz of Indianapolis and Eric Stolz of Orlando, Fla., a daughter Amy (Larry) Hastings of Savannah, Ga., his brother Paul Stolz of New Corydon, and a second sister, Rachel Meyer of Geneva.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland, with Pastor Mack Geoglein officiating. A visitation for immediate family only will be held one hour before services.

Preferred memorials are to Navy veterans, Redeemer Lutheran Church, or Jay County Cancer Services.

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LaVonn Sparks, 89

A former Bluffton resident, LaVonn Sparks, 89, of Mt. Dora, Fla., passed away Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Sparks was a homemaker and also had resided in LaPorte and Mt. Dora. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in LaPorte, a 50-plus-year member of the LaPorte Eastern Star where she was a past Worthy Matron, and was active for several years in the LaPorte Hospital Auxiliary.

LaVonn Sparks

Born in Montpelier on Nov. 2, 1917, she was a daughter of Gerald and Frances (Jones) Michael. Her marriage in Markle on May 4, 1935, was to Kenneth A. Sparks, who preceded her in death in 1992.

Survivors include her son, Kenneth W. (Beth) Sparks of Evansville and many nieces and nephews.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. An Eastern Star memorial service will be at 8 p.m. Friday by members of the Bluffton Eastern Star.

Services are at noon Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Cindy Osgood officiating.

Burial will be in Stahl Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Lake Sumter.

Ruth M. Springer, 94

Ruth M. Springer, 94, of rural Fort Wayne died Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at Ossian Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Mrs. Springer was a homemaker. She attended the Lutheran church. She was born on Aug. 2, 1912, in Noblesville.

Survivors include a daughter, Phyllis (Bob) Hunter of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her spouse, Phillip P. Springer in 1999; a daughter, Carolyn Wills; nine siblings; and a great-grandson.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Additional calling begins one hour prior to the services on Tuesday.

Ruth Springer

Burial will be in St. John Lutheran Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Allen County Cancer Society.

Rose M. Pirkl, 93

Rose M. Pirkl, 93, of River Terrace Estates died at 7:46 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Formerly of Blissfield, Mich., Mrs. Pirkl moved here two years ago to be closer to her daughters.

Rose Pirkl

Born on Dec. 27, 1912, in Belfield, N.D., she was a daughter of Fred and Mary (Marlachuck) Perzinski. Her marriage on Nov. 10, 1935, was to William Pirkl, who preceded her in death in 1980.

Survivors include her children, Gordon Pirkl of San Diego, Calif., Shirley (Richard) Rosenbrock of Bluffton, Jerry Pirkl of Blissfield, Mich., Terry (Kathleen) Pirkl of Deerfield, Mich., Billy (Pam) Pirkl of Fort Worth, Texas, and Sharon (Monty) Sliger of Zanesville; sisters Helen Woods of Sunnyvale, Calif., and Agnes Lawyles of Escondido, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Katherine Fish and Anna Perzinski; and two brothers, Frank Perzinski and Henry Perzinski.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday, Dec. 6, at St. Peter Catholic Church in Blissfield with Fr. Vincent Van Doan officiating.

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G. Jean Krill, 85

G. Jean Krill, 85, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, at her home in Fort Wayne. Mrs. Krill was a secretary in the Electrical Department of International Harvester for 30 years, retiring in 1977.

She was a Findley, Ill., native and was a charter member of United Methodist Church of the Covenant.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Robert E. Krill.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at United Methodist Church of the Covenant, Fort Wayne, with Rev. Dr. Steven Conner officiating. There is also calling one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

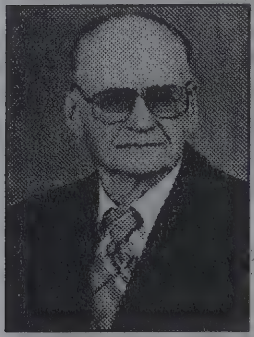
Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton. Preferred memorials are to United Methodist Church of the Covenant for liturgical art or Parkview Hospice.

Robert H. Wood Sr., 95

A longtime Poneto resident, Robert H. Wood Sr., 95, died at 6:15 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, at River Terrace Estates.

Mr. Wood was a lifelong farmer and was a resident of Wells County since 1942. He resided on his farm in Poneto from 1959 to 2003, before moving to Bluffton. He moved to River Terrace in April 2006.

He attended First Church of the Nazarene in Bluffton and was a former member of the Poneto Lions Club and the Liberty Center Odd Fellows Lodge.



Robert H. Wood Sr.

Born on Oct. 27, 1911, in Patrick County, Va., he was a son of Samuel and Alice (Bramer) Wood. His marriage on Dec. 23, 1931, in West Virginia was to Ethel Jane (Nicholas), who preceded him in death on Nov. 27, 1992.

Survivors include children Robert H. (Eleanor) Wood Jr. of Markle, Juanita (Kaye) Ivins of Bluffton, Willie L. Wood of LaCrescenta, Calif., and Judy (Robert) Haver of Rockford, Ohio; a brother, Herbert Wood of Meadows of Dan, Va.; two sisters, Anna Wood of Meadows of Dan and Genevieve Crews of Martinsville, Va.; 11 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a sister; three brothers; and two grandchildren.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Larry Sheets officiating.

Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the First Church of the Nazarene Building Fund or the American Cancer Society.

Ruth V. Ingle, 87

A sister of Martha Rupel of Bluffton, Ruth V. Ingle, 87, of Portland, died Monday evening, Dec. 11, 2006, at Americare Living Center, Portland.

Mrs. Ingle was a homemaker and also worked for Weiler's in Portland and the Jay County High School cafeteria. She was a member of the Jay County Hospital Auxiliary.

Born on Dec. 5, 1919, in Jay County, she was a daughter of Odus and Eda (Muth) Fenters. Her marriage on Feb. 17, 1940, was to Elvin Ray "Ding" Ingle, who preceded her in death on May 23, 1972.

Survivors, in addition to the sister in Bluffton, include two daughters, Patty (Dick) Baldauf and Linda (Carl) Ashman, both of Portland; another sister, Becky O'Brien of Fort Wayne; a brother, Charles Fenters of Colorado Springs, Colo.; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Calling is from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Mark Strietelmeier presiding.

Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Jay County Cancer Society or Jay County Hospital Auxiliary-Lifeline.

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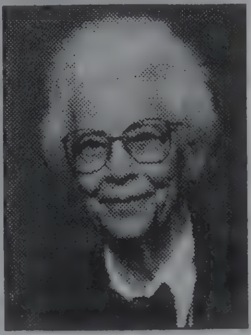
December 14 2006 Bluffton, Indiana

Modjeska "Jecky" Russell, 100

Modjeska "Jecky" Russell, 100, of Montpelier died at 12:09 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006 at her residence.

Mrs. Russell was a member of the Just-A-Mere Home Economics Club and the United Methodist Women. She had worked at the glove factory in Montpelier for more than 50 years, having retired at age 70. She attended the First United Methodist Church, and was a 1924 graduate of Pennville High School.


Jecky Russell

She was born in Wells County on Oct. 26, 1906, a daughter of James Albert and Grace (Bloxsom) Hedges. She was married in Upland on Feb. 3, 1931 to Clarence Russell, who preceded her in death on Feb. 26, 1986.

She is survived by her daughters Roberta McDirmit of Fort Wayne, Carol Sills of Montpelier, and Barbara (Gerald) Laurence of Montpelier, her brother Hubert Hedges of Portland, In., and 14 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren, along with 4 step grandchildren, 11 step great-grandchildren, and 9 step great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brothers Eugene, Murray, and Charles Hedges, and a granddaughter Carolyn McDirmit, a great grandson Chad Bowman, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel in Montpelier. Services will be on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Michael Lawson and Rev. John Bellante officiating. Burial will be in Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier.

Gary Lynn Parsons, 59

Services are Friday at 1 p.m. for Gary Lynn Parsons, 59, of Fort Wayne, who died Tuesday, Dec. 12 at his home.

Born in Fort Wayne, he volunteered for the Red Cross and was a past president and treasurer for Whispering Meadows Neighborhood Association.

He is survived by his wife, Karen J. (Stroud) Parsons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stroud of Liberty Center.

Other survivors are a son, Josh L. Parsons of Fort Wayne, his parents, Leonard and Velma Parsons of Fort Wayne, and a sister, Maureena Sue Dusek of Port Charolotte, Fla.

Calling is today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road.

Services will be at the funeral home on Friday with Rev. Victor Kolch officiating. Burial will be in Fort Wayne.

Lois L. Miller, 58

The sister of Geraldine Hoffman of Ossian, Lois L. Miller, 58, of Ninevah, Ind., passed away at 7:27 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been a sales clerk and worked at K-Mart and Furrows.

Lois Miller

Born on April 26, 1948, in Fort Wayne, she was a daughter of Richard W. and Alice (Pfeiffer) Miller.

Survivors, in addition to the sister in Ossian, include two other sisters, Irene Minegar of Sebring, Fla., and Dee Willett of Ninevah; and a brother, David A. Miller of Indianapolis.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Lyle Breeding officiating.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens. Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Chapter of the American Cancer Society or Habitat for Humanity.

John Charles "Chuck" Noble, 73

John Charles "Chuck" Noble, 73, of Montpelier, the brother of Bluffton resident James Noble and Poneto resident Glenna Lee died at 9:18 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 11, 2006 at Blackford Community Hospital in Hartford City.

He was born in Warren on May 17, 1933, the son of Marion and Luetta (Trout) Noble. He graduated from Chester Center High School in 1951. He worked as a floor manager at Industra Products in Fort Wayne until his retirement in 1995.

He is survived by Patty J. (Denton) Noble of Montpelier, his son Edward W. (Laurie) Noble of Fort Wayne, his daughter Cindy D. (Lee) Coleman of Hartford City, his brother James (Joyce) Noble of Bluffton, his sisters Wilma (Walter) Smith of Bryant, Glenna (Roger) Lee of Poneto, and seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Charles S. Noble, and a grandson Josh Coleman.

There will be no services or visitation. Cremation will take place, with arrangements through Raven-Choate Funeral Home in Marion. Memorials can be made to the Josh Coleman Scholarship Fund, c/o the Marion School Employees Credit Union in Hartford City.

Leota Mae Young, 87

Leota Mae Young, 87, of Van Wert, Ohio, passed away at 5 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at Van Crest Health Care Center.

Mrs. Young was a homemaker and also worked in the former Overhaul Factory from 1936 to 1953.

Born on April 28, 1919, in Van Wert County, Ohio, she was a daughter of James M. and Minnie Lucille (Witherow) Mace. Her marriage on March 24, 1943, was to Forest S. Young, who preceded her in death on Sept. 15, 1979.

Survivors include many nieces and nephews, including Carol (Darol) Myers of Bluffton. She was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Betz; and two brothers, James Mace and Paul Mace.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Cowan & Son Funeral Home, Van Wert. Services are at 1 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with Pastor Raymond E. Feeck officiating.

Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Van Wert. Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Emma P. Lopez, 79

The mother of Ralph Garcia of Bluffton, Emma P. Lopez,
of East Chicago, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006 at St. Catheri
Hospital in East Chicago.

A resident of East Chicago for over 70 years, she served
years as a NWI Visiting Nurse. She was a life member of t
Griffith VFW #9982 Women's Auxiliary and a founding memb
of the GI Forum of East Chicago.

In addition to the Bluffton son, she is survived by her husban
Henry A. Lopez; a daughter, Rachelle "Shelly" (John) Mucha
Demotte, Ind., a sister, Olivia Carrillo of Virginia; 12 grandch
dren, 26 great grandchildren and five great great grandchildre
She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathleen R. Ortiz, a so
Richard S. Garcia and a brother, Sammy D. Flores.

Services will be held Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the Oleska-Patri
Funeral Home, 3934 Elm St., East Chicago. A Mass of Christi
burial will follow at 10 a.m. at St. John Cantius Church in Ea
Chicago and burial will be in Ridgelawn Cemetery in Gary. Callir
at the funeral home will be Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. and Sund
from 3 to 8 p.m.

Harriet Oral Jarrell, 83

Harriet Oral Jarrell, 83, of Portland, the mother of Blufft
resident Pamela Holmes, died late Wednesday night, Dec. 1
2006 at her residence following an extended illness. She was
charter member of the Greene Kitchen Kookies Home Extensio
Club since 1959. She was a life member of the Bethel Brethre
Church in Berne and she attended Blaine United Methodist Churc
in Portland.

She was born on June 12, 1923 in Adams County, the daught
of Thomas M. and Hattie (Clase) Parr. She was a 1941 graduate
Jefferson Township High School in Adams County. She was ma
ried on Jan. 28, 1949 to Walter G. "Wick" Jarrell, who precede
her in death on March 19, 1993.

She is survived by two sons, Tom W. (Connie) Jarrell of Kokom
and Dave Jarrell of Portland, her daughter Pamela (Leo) Holmes
Bluffton, her brother Bert W. Parr of Berne, her sisters Helen Reyn
olds of Monroeville, and Mary (Don) Myers of Constantine, Mich
along with seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Calling is on Saturday from 2 to 8 p.m. in the Portland Chape
of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home. Services will b
held on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Marl
Strietelmeier officiating. Burial will follow in the Mount Hop
Cemetery near Berne. Memorials may be made to Family Hospic
of Northeast Indiana.

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Alice M. Barker, 84

Alice M. Barker, 84, of Berne died at 9:28 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006 at Adams County Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Barker had formerly lived in the Pennville area before moving to Williamsburg Apartments in Pennville and then to the Chalet Village Health & Rehabilitation in Berne,

She was born in Blackford County on Aug. 28, 1922, a daughter of Bennie and Nettie Belle (McCammon) Barker. She was a graduate of Pennville High School.

She is survived by her brother Chester Barker of Muncie, her sisters Ethel Love of Berne and Beatrice Wright of Winchester, along with several nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Calling is on Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel in Montpelier. A private family burial will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Pleasantdale Cemetery in Montpelier.

Eugene Valentine Smith, 82

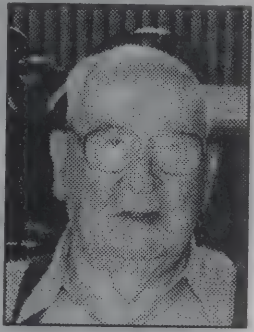
Eugene Valentine Smith, 82 of Ocala, Fla., formerly of Bluffton died on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006 at Life Care Center in Ocala.

Mr. Smith had been a resident of the Ocala area for 20 years. He was a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church and worked as a mechanical engineer for most of his life. He was a member of Methodist Men, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Tau Beta Phi, and American Legion Post 111 in Bluffton.

He is survived by his wife Maxine Smith of Ocala, his two daughters Penelope (Steve) Barstow of Vienna, Va., and Rebecca (Gary) Schinderle of Colorado Springs, Colo., along with two grandsons. Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Methodist Church in Ocala.

Chester Leon Burnett, 87

Chester Leon Burnett, 87, of rural Warren died at 1:49 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.



Chester Burnett

Mr. Burnett was in Ford sales for 50 years at the former Synder Motors in North Manchester, the former Zehe Motors in Huntington and was in partnership at Crain-Burnett Ford in Warren from 1978 until his retirement in 1996. He also was a farmer in Wabash County for many years.

Born on Nov. 19, 1919, in Mt. Etna, he was a son of John and Arrie (Clark) Burnett.

Survivors include his wife, Laura (Wildoner) Burnett; a daughter, Carole (Lyn) Veeser of Powers, Mich.; a son, Larry (LaVonda) Burnett of Argos, Ind.; a sister, Anna Zartman of Kewanna, Ind.; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Reva West and Trula Ford; three brothers, Lester Burnett, Lloyd Burnett and Floyd Burnett; and a granddaughter.

Calling is from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren. Services are at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Herbert Edwards officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, North Manchester. Preferred memorials are to the Huntington County Cancer Society.

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Helen Myers Belcher, 91

A former resident of Markle, Helen Myers Belcher, 91, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006 at Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Helen Myers Belcher

Born Aug. 4, 1915 in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Paul R. and Edna B. (Joyce) Walper, her first marriage was to the Rev. George A. Myers on April 14, 1937 in Cambridge Springs, Pa. He preceded her in death on March 3, 1974. Her second marriage was to Ira M. Belcher on April 9, 1978 in Redlands, Calif. He preceded here in death on May 28, 1991.

She was a graduate of Dormont High School in Pittsburgh and received her BA from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa., and her master's degree from UCLA. She taught Latin, French, English and public speaking.

Surviving are four sons, Dr. David (Cynthia) Myers of State College, Pa.; Roger M. (Sandra) Myers of Arcadia, Calif.; Bruce R. (Linda) Myers of Fort Wayne and Philip E. Myers of Santa Barbara, Calif. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Calling will be from 10 am. to 12 p.m. at the Cabot & Sons Funeral Home in Pasadena, Calif., on Wednesday, Dec. 20. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, Calif.

Robert W. Deihl, 87

Robert W. Deihl, 87, of Bluffton died at 5:55 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born in Craigville on Feb. 5, 1919, a son of Frank R. and Anna Marie (Cotterly) Deihl. He was a 1937 graduate of Lancaster High School. He was married on Feb. 10, 1940 in Craigville to Betty Jane (Miller) who survives.

Robert Deihl

He worked in electronics most of his adult life. From 1939 through 1952 he worked for Aircraft Industries in New York. A great deal of his career was devoted to working in a management position with the aircraft and space program. In 1981 he retired and moved back to Bluffton.

While in New York he was a member of the Massapequa Presbyterian Church where he also served as the maintenance chairman for ten years. Mr. Deihl was a member of the Bluffton Lions Club, and was also a member of the Masonic Lodge in Wayne, Michigan, and Scottish Rite in Detroit, Michigan. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II from 1944 through 1946, and served in Okinawa where he was attached to Land Invasion Occupational Navy unit Lion-8. Since 1984 he had worked at Hiday Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep in Bluffton, shuttling customers and cars. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton, and was a life long member of the American Legion Post #111.

He is survived by his wife Betty Jane Deihl in Bluffton, his son Michael Allen Deihl of Tulsa, Okla., and his daughter Rebecca (Raymond) Anderson of Sedona, Ariz., along with his brother Max E. Deihl of Bluffton, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Calling will be from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church, with services to follow at 11 a.m., with Rev. Robert Madsen and Ted Ellis officiating. There will be a military flag presentation by American Legion Post #111 at the service. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton.

Arrangements are by Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Jack H. Hunter, 83

Jack H. Hunter, 83, of Lake George, Ind., formerly of Ossian died on Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006 at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was an owner-operator independent trucker for 40 years, having retired in 1985. He was an Orland American Legion member and a member of the Teamsters Union. Mr. Hunter was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Ossian United Methodist Church.

He was born in Ossian on April 14, 1923. He was married to Sara Lou (Gilbert) Hunter who preceded him in death in 2000. He is survived by a son Tex (Mary Ann) Hunter of Aurora, Ill., and two daughters Jan Hunter of New Haven and Jill Hunter of Fort Wayne. He is also survived by four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Steve Hunter.

Calling is on Tuesday from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Services are planned for 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ossian. Memorials may be made to Parkview Hospice in Fort Wayne.

Ruth P. Tarr, 91

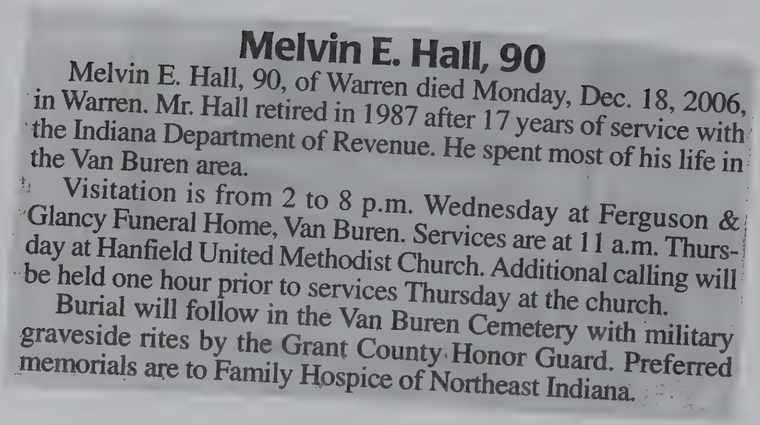
Ruth P. Tarr, 91, of Warren died at 10:03 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006 at Heritage Pointe in Warren. Mrs. Tarr was a homemaker. She was born in Blackford County on Sept. 3, 1915, a daughter of Vinel W. Baker and Cora Ellen (Shannon) Baker. She was a 1933 graduate of Montpelier High School. She lived in Blackford County until 1950 when she married A. Merle Tarr on Dec. 23, 1950. Mr. Tarr preceded her in death on Dec. 27, 1974.

Ruth Tarr

She resided in Liberty Center for 24 years and then moved back to Montpelier following her husband's death. She was a member of Boehmer United Methodist Church. She entered the United Methodist Memorial Home, now Heritage Point in 2003, where she enjoyed many crafts.

She is survived by her daughters Susan (Stephen) Siebold of Poneto and Nancy E. (Gary) Fulk of Warren. She is also survived by four grandsons and one step-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her brother Robert Baker and her sister Doris Pugh.

Calling will be on Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown and Son Chapel in Warren. Services will be on Thursday at 11 a.m. at Boehmer United Methodist Church in Liberty Center with Pastor Barry Humble officiating. Burial will be in Mossburg Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Boehmer United Methodist Church.



Melvin E. Hall, 90

Melvin E. Hall, 90, of Warren died Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, in Warren. Mr. Hall retired in 1987 after 17 years of service with the Indiana Department of Revenue. He spent most of his life in the Van Buren area.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, Van Buren. Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hanfield United Methodist Church. Additional calling will be held one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Burial will follow in the Van Buren Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Grant County Honor Guard. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

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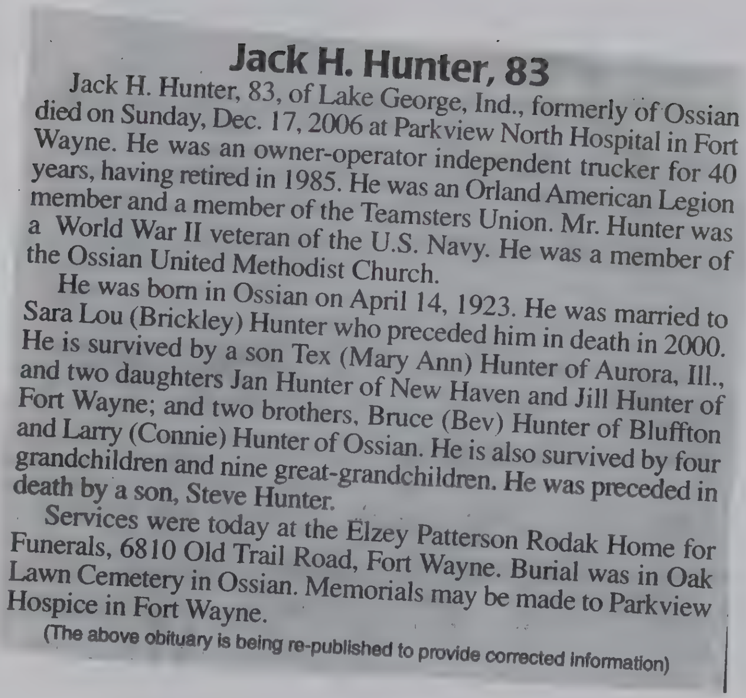

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Services were today at the Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ossian. Memorials may be made to Parkview Hospice in Fort Wayne.

(The above obituary is being re-published to provide corrected information)

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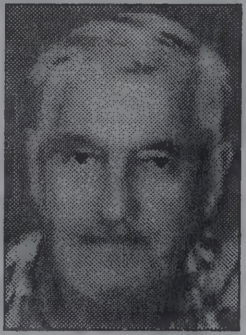
December 21 2006 Bluffton, Indiana

Loren H. Price, 73

The father of Sandy Pennington of Montpelier, Loren H. Price, 73, passed away at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006, at his rural Bryant residence.

Mr. Price formerly worked for Bice Saw Mill in Jay County and Ford Saw Mill in Blackford County. He was a U.S. Army veteran with service during the Korean conflict. He formerly resided in Trenton and Dunkirk.


Loren Price

Born on May 26, 1933, in Falcon, Mo., he was a son of Harrison Price and Bessie Myers Price. His marriage on Jan. 1, 1957, in Hartford City was to Inis M. Parker Price, who survives.

Other survivors include children Doug Price of Hartford City, Rodney (Jacqueline) Price of Pennville, Dennis Price of Bryant, Kathy Noland and Kelly Price, both of Dunkirk, and Brenda (Carlos) Rodriguez of Albany; siblings Ottis Price of Lockwood, Mo., Dale Price of Long Island, N.Y., Junior Price of Falcon, Mo., Sylvia Daniels of Kirbyville, Mo., and Ruth Tupper of Lebanon, Mo.; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by siblings Tilda Mae Shadle, Virgie Ogle, Glen Price, Johnny Price and Curtis Price; and a grandson.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier. Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Chaplain Tim Stigers officiating.

Burial will be in Gravel Hill Cemetery, Bryant, with military graveside rites by the Pennville American Legion Post. Preferred memorials are to the family.

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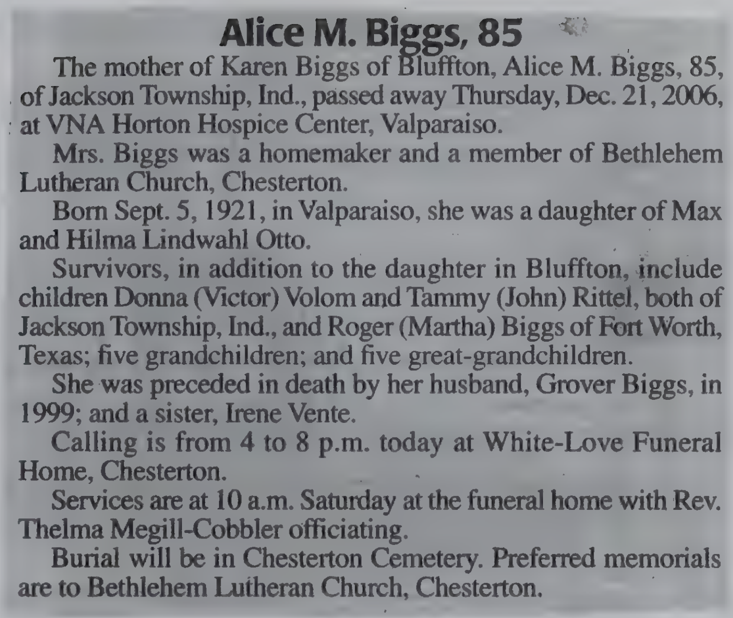

Alice M. Biggs, 85

The mother of Karen Biggs of Bluffton, Alice M. Biggs, 85, of Jackson Township, Ind., passed away Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, at VNA Horton Hospice Center, Valparaiso.

Mrs. Biggs was a homemaker and a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Chesterton.

Born Sept. 5, 1921, in Valparaiso, she was a daughter of Max and Hilma Lindwahl Otto.

Survivors, in addition to the daughter in Bluffton, include children Donna (Victor) Volom and Tammy (John) Rittel, both of Jackson Township, Ind., and Roger (Martha) Biggs of Fort Worth, Texas; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Grover Biggs, in 1999; and a sister, Irene Vente.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White-Love Funeral Home, Chesterton.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Rev. Thelma Megill-Cobbler officiating.

Burial will be in Chesterton Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Chesterton.

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December 23 2006 Bluffton, Indiana

Eleanor M. Hoyt, 84

Eleanor M. Hoyt, 84, of Bluffton, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, at RiverView Estates in New Jersey. She was a retail sales clerk for various businesses throughout her life.

Survivors include a son, Ron Hoyt Martinsburg, W.V., two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Edward Hoyt.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29, at Fink Funeral Home PA, 426 Crain Hwy S, Glen Burnie, Md. She was cremated. Interment will take place on Sept. 19, 2007, at Fountainhead Memorial Park in Melbourne, Fla.

Preferred memorials to the Maryland Services for the Blind, The American Heart Association, or the American Cancer Society.

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Bluffton, Indiana

James S. Jackson, 88

The longtime owner and operator of a Bluffton-based construction company, James S. Jackson, 88, of Bluffton died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Jackson started James S. Jackson Construction Company in 1947 and remained active in the company for nearly 60 years. The company, now operated by his sons, has built industrial, institutional and commercial projects in Indiana and nationwide.

James S. Jackson

He was a former board member and president of the Bluffton Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Jackson was a member of the First Reformed Church, Rotary, Elks, American Legion Post 111, Eastern Star 48, and Masonic Lodge 145, all of Bluffton, and the Scottish Rite Valley and Mizpah Shrine Temple in Fort Wayne.

A 1937 graduate of Huntington High School, Mr. Jackson served as a 2nd Lt. in the Army Air Corp as a navigator/bombardier from 1943 to 1945. Between 1945 and 1947, he was employed by the W.R. Dunkin and Sons Construction Company.

Born on Sept. 5, 1918, in Wells County, he was a son of Cecil U. "CU" Jackson and Nellie Ann (Osborn) Jackson. His marriage on Dec. 2, 1939, in Daleville was to Mary Alice (Krieg) Jackson, who survives.

Other survivors include children James D. (Celia) Jackson, Thomas K. (Priscilla) Jackson, Sally (Norm) Kain, Mick (Brenda) Jackson, and Cindy Lambert Eskew (Randy), all of Bluffton; 28 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by sisters Helen Schmeling and Martha Clark; and an infant granddaughter.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. today and from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Masonic services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at First Reformed Church with Rev. Cindy Osgood and Dr. Gene Bell officiating. There is additional calling one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery, with military graveside honors by American Legion Post 111. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or the Wells Community Boys & Girls Club.

Helen Mae Heyerly, 91

Helen Mae Heyerly, 91, of Bluffton died at 5:55 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006 at the Christian Care Retirement Community. She was born in Adams County on Oct. 27, 1915, a daughter of Joel and Ida Mae (Gilliom) Maller. She had been a homemaker, and had worked part-time at the Dutch Mill. She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church.

She was married in Bluffton on May 30, 1939 to Clifford A. Heyerly, who preceded her in death on June 24, 1996. She is survived by her sons Robert Heyerly of Decatur, Kenneth Heyerly of Decatur, and Von Heyerly of Bluffton, and her daughters Lois Brown of Decatur and Jane (Curt) Mann of Springfield, Ohio, her brother Melvin Maller of Bluffton and her sister Vera (Lester) Laukhuff of Haveland, Ohio. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Clifford, a son, Tom Heyerly in 1985, one brother, one sister, and one grandchild.

Visitation is today from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel and one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday. Services are set for 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the Apostolic Christian Church East with Gary Tonner and Steve Frauhiger officiating. Burial will be in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Christian Care Retirement Community or to the Apostolic Christian Church.

Ruby Olive Mulles, 95

Ruby Olive Mulles, 95, of McMinnville, Oreg., died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006 in Oregon. Born in Huntington on Oct. 8, 1911 to Elijah and Mary Herndon, she was married to Claude Mulles in 1932. Ruby and Claude would live in many places in Indiana including Huntington, Indianapolis, and Tocsin. They farmed in Wells County.

Ruby Mulles

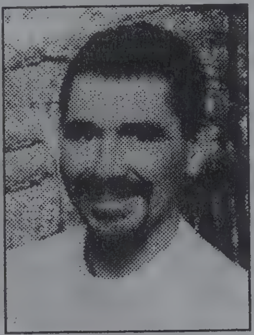
They retired in Hobe Sound, Fla., and after Claude passed away in 1993, Ruby moved to Sacramento, Calif., then to McMinnville, to be closer to family members. She is survived by her son Ron (Kathy) Mulles of Oregon, a brother Kenneth Herndon of Bluffton, and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Claude, a daughter Barbara Jennings, and five siblings.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 29, 2006 at the Elzey, Patterson, Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to Hobe Sound Bible College, Hobe Sound, Fla., or to McMinnville Covenant Church in McMinnville, Oreg.

David J. Lane, 39

David J. Lane, 39, of Markle passed away at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Lane had been a foreman for Midwest Electric for two years and had worked as a high-power lineman for 10 years. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union 1393 and was a member of the Chester Volunteer Fire Department for five years. He was a 1986 graduate of Huntington North High School.



David Lane

Born on Nov. 8, 1967, in Huntington, he was a son of Ron N. and Carolyn R. (Kaness) Lane. His marriage on Nov. 1, 1987, at Central Christian Church in Huntington was to Lila A. Hall, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Rachel F. Lane of Huntington; a brother, Charles B. Lane of Markle; a sister, Teresa K. Shelley of Warren; his mother and stepfather, Carolyn and Mark Hamilton of Markle; his grandmother, Irene Lane of Huntington; two stepsisters, Lesli Hamilton of Detroit, Mich., and Ashley Hamilton of Chicago; and his stepgrandmother, Jane Hamilton of Bluffton.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Kathie S. Jones officiating. Visitation also is scheduled one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Interment will be at the Star of Hope Cemetery in Huntington County. In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to the Rachel F. Lane Trust Fund in care of the funeral home.

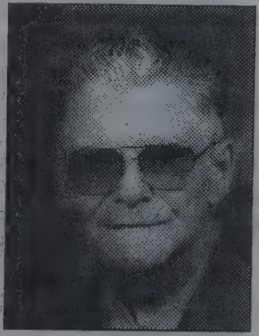
Cassidy Rose Fry, Infant

Cassidy Rose Fry, the infant daughter of Cameron Fry and Jennie Frauhiger died at 12:22 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 22, 2006 at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

She was born on Friday, Dec. 22, 2006. She is survived by her parents, her siblings Corbyn Fry and Simon Fry, her grandparents Steve and Irene Frauhiger of Bluffton, and Dennis and Deborah Fry of Bluffton. Her great grandparents are William and Betty Frauhiger of Bluffton, Fred "Ted" Kaehr of Bluffton, Simon and Delores Heyerly of Bluffton, and Ernest and Delores Fry of Ossian. A family graveside service will be held. Burial will take place at Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are by Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

James Alfred "Jim" Crouch, Jr., 75

James Alfred "Jim" Crouch, Jr., 75, of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Dillman died at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006 at the Casa De La Luz Hospice in Tucson, Ariz. Mr. Crouch was a truck driver for the Kroger Company and retired in 1990 with 42 years of service. He and his late wife Wilma owned and operated the Dillman Upholstery Shop for 15 years. He was an army veteran of the 501st Transportation Unit, and was a member of the American Legion Post #202 in Butler. He was a member of the Dillman United Brethren in Christ Church, where he enjoyed singing and playing his guitar.



Jim Crouch

He was born in South Bend on Oct. 27, 1931, a son of James A. and Belva (Dunlap) Crouch, Sr. He attended Arcola High School. He served in the U.S. Army from 1948 through 1952. He was married in Fort Wayne on June 2, 1973 to Wilma (Palmer) Crouch, who preceded him in death on Feb. 9, 2005.

He is survived by his daughter Cindy (Fred) Brooks of Tucson, a son Rick (Joann) Crouch of Tucson, a brother Kenneth (Myra) Crouch of Angola, a sister Rayola (Thomas) Mindock of Lancaster, Calif., a step-son Davis (JoAnn) of Bristol, Ind., a step daughter Donna Runkle of Warren, along with 15 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 3 step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death a son James, a daughter Virginia, a step-son Timothy Lacey and a step grandson Mark Runkle.

Calling is on Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown and Son Chapel in Warren, and one hour before services on Saturday at the funeral home. Services are set for Saturday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Dick Case officiating. Burial will be in Van Buren Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Van Buren Cemetery.

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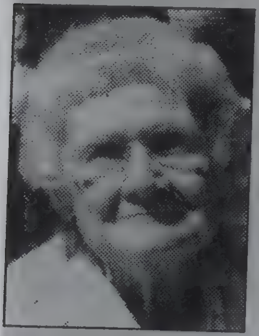
December 28 2006 Bluffton, Indiana

Ruth M. Kline, 91

Ruth M. Kline, 91, of Bluffton passed away at 12:45 a.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Kline had worked at Kitco Rubber Products in Bluffton for 13 years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Bluffton.


Ruth Kline

Born on July 10, 1915, in Logansport, she was a daughter of John C. and Grace Catherine (Webster) Hall. Her marriage on March 31, 1934, in Logansport was to Woodrow W. Kline, who preceded her in death on Oct. 21, 2004.

Survivors include a daughter, Kathleen (Bill) Witwer of Skillman, N.J.; a son, Clarence "Kim" Kline of Bluffton; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services are at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with Dr. Steven Kistler officiating.

Visitation is from 1 p.m. until the time of services Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Lois E. Allen, 83

Lois E. Allen, 83, of Markle died at 3:10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, at Christian Care Retirement Community, Bluffton.

Mrs. Allen was a member of Markle Church of Christ and was a 50-year member of the former Needmore Extension Homemakers Club of Wells County. She was a 1942 graduate of Lafayette Central High School.

Lois Allen

Born on Aug. 4, 1923, in Huntington County, she was a daughter of Ovid and Mary (Byrd) Slater. Her marriage on Dec. 3, 1944, was to Ival E. Allen, who preceded her in death on Nov. 22, 2003.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan Allen of Greer, S.C.; three sons, Dennis (Joyce) Allen of Markle, Gary (Karen) Allen and Lynn (Sharen) Allen, both of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, David Lee Allen; a sister, Eleanor Weber; and a brother, Ned Slater.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel.

Services are at 3 p.m. Saturday at Markle Church of Christ with Elder Larry LePage officiating. There also is calling one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Interment will be the Markle Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Markle Church of Christ.

THE NEWS BANNER

December 29 2006 Bluffton, Indiana

Pauline D. Brown, 90

Pauline D. Brown, 90, of Warren died at 9:25 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006 at Heritage Pointe in Warren. She was a homemaker and had worked in the housekeeping department at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren for 15 years, having retired in 1988. She was a member of the United Church of Christ in Warren.

She was born in Grant County on Nov. 18, 1916, a daughter of Warren and Bertha (Tomlinson) Pancoast. She was a 1934 graduate of Warren High School. She was married in Warren on March 28, 1937 to J. Edward "Archie" Brown, who preceded her in death on Oct. 1, 1964.

She is survived by her son Wendell (Shari Sue) Brown of Warren, and a daughter Dixie (Bill) Click of Rock Hill, S.C., along with three grandsons and two great-grandsons. She was preceded in death by her sisters Hazel Schweikhardt and Mildred Murray, and a great-granddaughter Kyndall Brown.

No calling is planned. There will be a graveside service held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren, with the Rev. Clyde Gunn officiating. Funeral arrangements are from Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown and Son Chapel in Warren. Memorials may be made to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Frederica 'Sue' Baker, 63

The mother of Annette Turner of Bluffton, Frederica "Sue" Baker, 63, of Huber Heights, Ohio, died at 5 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, at Hospice Home of Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Baker had worked as a ward secretary at Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie, and as a ward secretary in Traverse City, Mich. She also was a medical assistant in Houston, Texas, and served as president of the Forest North Addition in Houston for 10 years.

Born on Jan. 16, 1943, in Hartford City, she was a daughter of Henry Guy and Ethel Florence (Hartley) Cook. Her marriage on Nov. 23, 1966, in Hartford City was to John M. Baker, who survives.

Other survivors include two other daughters, Linda Pederson of Mancelona, Mich., and Pamela Kadrovach of Dayton; a sister, Rose Eppard of LaVerne, Calif.; a brother, Guy Cook of Grand Rapids, Mich.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

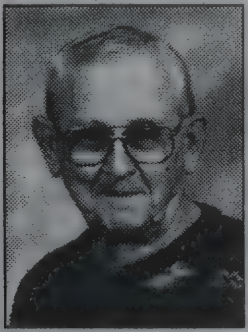
She was preceded in death by a sister, Carol Cook; and a brother, Larry Cook.

There will be no visitation. Graveside services will be held at a later date. Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, is in charge of the local arrangements.

Ralph E. Davison, 78

A former Wells County resident, Ralph E. Davison, 78, of Columbia City died at 2:35 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 2006, at Parkview Whitley Hospital.

Mr. Davison owned and operated Rustic Relics from 1975 to 1999. Since 2000, he has operated The Antique Shed where he continued to refinish and restore antique furniture. His memberships included the Columbia City Church of the Nazarene.



Ralph Davison

Born on Nov. 11, 1928, in Fort Wayne, he was a son of Harry and Helen (Clark) Davison. He grew up in Liberty Center and graduated from Liberty Center High School.

His marriage on May 1, 1948, was to Joann Davison, who survives. He and his wife made their home on a farm in Wells County until 1960 when they moved to the Columbia City area.

Survivors include four sons, Kent (Jari) Davison of Sturgis, Mich., Keith Davison of Naples, Fla., Tim (Lisa) Davison of Valparaiso, and Mark (Karen) Davison of Columbia City; two half sisters, Sharon Gentis and Jone Oman, both of Bluffton; a half brother, John Gregg of North Webster; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Services are at 2 p.m. Sunday at Columbia City Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Thomas Beers officiating. There also is calling one hour before services Sunday at the church.

Burial will be in South Park Annex Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Juvenile Diabetes Association.

Mona Jean Clevenger, 74

The mother of CheriLynn (Don) Skinner of Bluffton, Mona Jean Clevenger, 74, of Gas City died at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006, at her residence.

Mrs. Clevenger was the former owner/operator of The Doll House Beauty Shop in Gas City, and was a member of First Christian Church in Gas City.

Born on July 12, 1932, in Breckinridge County, Ky., she was a daughter of George and Mary Kathryn (Gentry) Willis. Her marriage on April 8, 1950, was to Robert Lee Clevenger, who survives.

Other survivors include another daughter, Paula (Robert) Wade of Avon Park, Fla.; a son, Tracy (Brenda) Clevenger of Marion; sisters Gloria (Wilbur) Reis of Hartford City, Mary Alice (Jim) Bott of Marion and Anna Margaret (Philip) Dowell of Hardinsburg, Ky.; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Lee Clevenger; and two brothers, Kenneth Riley Obenchain and William Obenchain.

Services were held Friday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Gas City, with Rev. Todd Graham officiating.

Burial is in Gardens of Memory, Huntington. Preferred memorials are to the Ronald McDonald House, Indianapolis.

Mark D. Zimmerman, 37

Mark D. Zimmerman, 37, of rural Hartford City died at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, from injuries sustained Christmas Eve in an ATV accident in Blackford County. He had worked for Micro-Matic-Textrom Inc. in Berne.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier. Services are at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Dunkirk.

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